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Babauta sues Torres, Teregeyo

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Gubernatorial candidate Juan N. Babauta has filed a lawsuit against Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Department of Public Lands Secretary Marianne Teregeyo for alleged breach of duty to the public and public trust by allowing the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi to deteriorate.

Babauta filed the complaint in Superior Court last Monday against Torres and Teregeyo, alleging negligence over the current state of the Marpi swimming pool, which serves as the island's only public swimming facility.

Babauta, who filed the lawsuit on behalf of himself and the CNMI community, wants the court to direct Torres and Teregeyo to take immediate steps to reverse or remediate the deterioration of the Marpi swimming pool.

The pool's water has turned murky after only a few days of non-maintenance, since the former operator's land lease was not renewed.

Babauta is seeking expedited injunctive relief for Torres

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The House of Representatives presents a resolution congratulating the CNMI Senior League baseball team for winning the Asia Pacific Regional Tournament, earning them the right to represent the region in this year's World Series in Easley, South Carolina. JON PEREZ

Baisley: OAG wrongly blamed for delay

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Former assistant attorney general Matthew C. Baisley is disappointed with the CNMI Supreme Court's ruling in the case against former Department of Public Safety commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero and former police officer Jesse Salas Concepcion, raising questions why it took the high court over two years to resolve the issue.

Baisley

"Really the most disappointing thing about the opinion is how long it took to issue," said Baisley, who used to handle the case and argued the case before the high court. He is now an associate at the BakerHostetler law firm in Denver.

In its opinion last Thursday,

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Cabrera to vie for Miss Int'l tiara

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The reigning Miss Marianas will be leaving this month to vie for the Miss International crown.

Miss Marianas 2018 Celine Concepcion Cabrera is set to fly to Tokyo, Japan on Oct. 20 to try her luck at the Miss International stage.

"…The pageant itself is on Nov. 9… I will be there before the pageant starts. I will be there for three weeks," said Cabrera.

According to Cabrera, her heart is set on being the first Miss Marianas to bring home the crown and title. "I know that many of our queens brought home the Miss Friendship award but, other than that, we have yet to bring back the crown, so I hope to be the first one

"…I am so blessed to have

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'Crisostomo's lawyers should disclose privileged info'

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The Department of Corrections and DOC Commissioner Vincent Attao want the Superior Court to order the three lawyers of convicted murderer and rapist Joseph Acosta Crisostomo to be allowed to disclose privileged communications and documents related to his claims that he got ineffective legal assistance in the case that got him convicted.

King

DOC and Attao, through assistant attorney general Robert J. Pickett, asked the court to declare a partial waiver of attorney-client privilege in Crisostomo's case.

By claiming that he got ineffective assistance from his lawyers—Janet H. King, F. Randall Cunliffe, and Jeffrey Moots—Crisostomo has waived the attorney-client privilege, Pickett said, and DOC and Attao cannot fairly defend themselves without access to privileged information.

Crisostomo wrote a hand-

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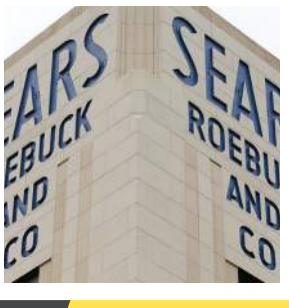

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Guanlao voluntarily drops her appeal

A Filipino mother of two U.S. citizen minors who has been fighting a 2013 immigration court order of her removal from the CNMI has voluntarily dropped her appeal before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

With that, the Ninth Circuit dismissed Amalia Abo Guanlao's appeal yesterday. The Ninth Circuit did not indicate the reason for Guanlao's decision.

Guanlao's appeal to the Ninth Circuit sought to reverse the U.S. District Court for the NMI's ruling that dismissed her petition for writ of habeas corpus. The petition seeks to appeal immigration's removal order.

Last June, U.S. District Court for the NMI designated Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood granted U.S. Homeland Security officials' motion to dismiss Guanlao's petition.

Tydingco-Gatewood ruled that since Guanlao failed to exhaust administrative remedies of her claims, she would be required to return to the Board of Immigration Appeals to pursue them.

However, the judge said, Guanlao cannot prevail on her due process claim in the District Court, before BIA, or before the Ninth Circuit.

Last month, the Ninth Circuit denied Guanlao's motion to reconsider its denial last Aug. 23 of her emergency request to stay or suspend a federal court's recent order against her.

The District Court's recent order granted U.S. Immigration and Customs officials' request to dissolve the court's previous order that stay an Immigration judge's removal order against Guanlao.

The Ninth Circuit, however, also ordered that the briefing schedule established previously remains in effect pertaining to Guanlao's appeal.

Guanlao, through counsel Rosemond Santos, filed the emergency motion to stay pending her appeal of the District Court's Aug. 13 order.

In that Aug. 13 order, U.S. District Court for the NMI designated Judge Tydingco-Gatewood denied Guanlao's motion to a stay pending appeal of the proceedings in federal court pending her appeal to the Ninth Circuit.

According to court records, on Sept. 10, 2013, an immigration judge found that Guanlao was removable as an alien and ordered her removed to the Philippines.

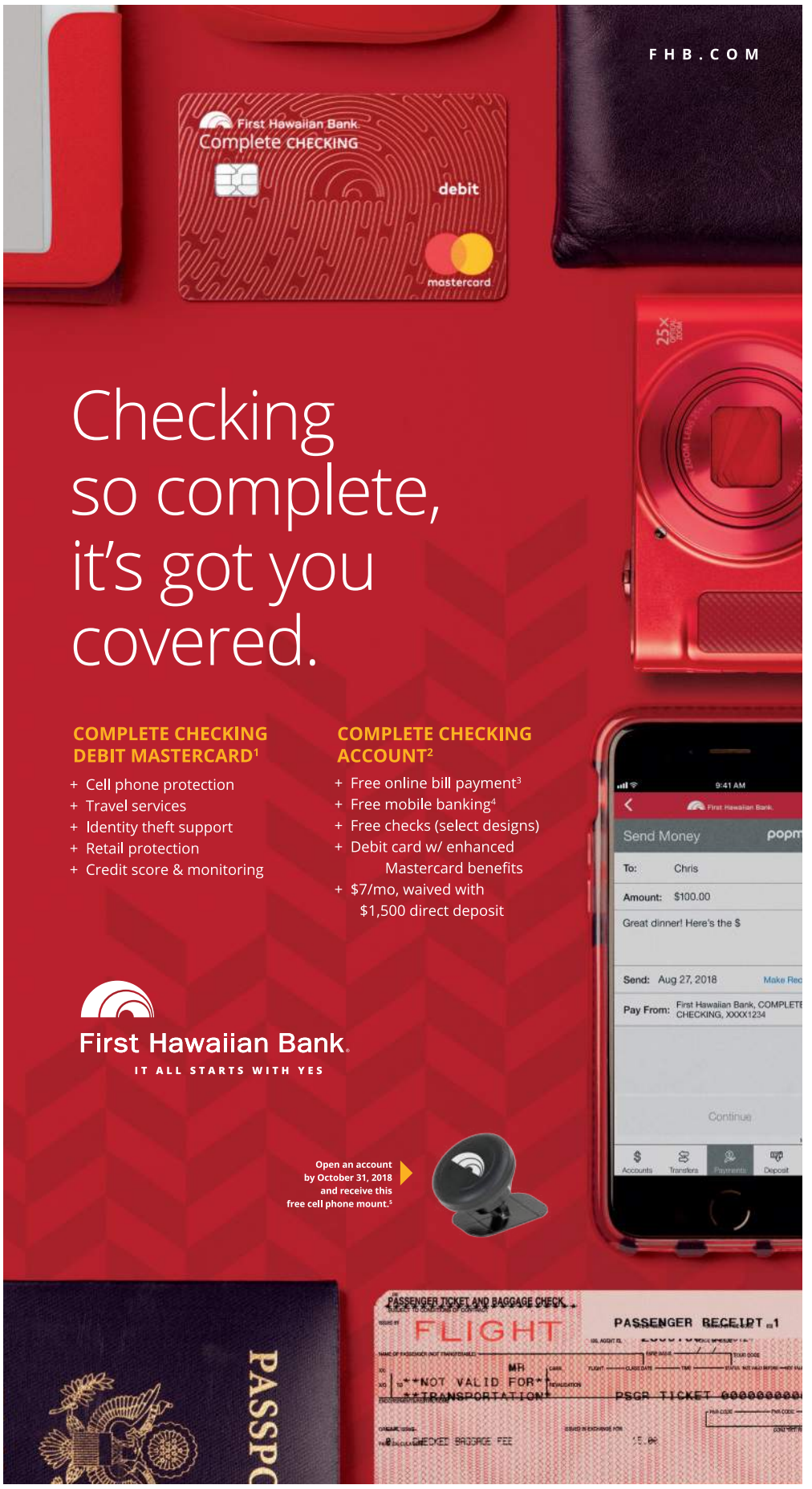
Guanlao appealed the decision to BIA. She lost her case before the immigration court.

In June 2016, she filed her petition in federal court for a writ of habeas corpus, seeking determination of "the legality of her continued detention and intended removal" and "a stay of her removal during the pendency of this case."

Guanlao alleged a violation of her due process rights because her then-counsel Alice Rae failed to inform her of the ability to file a petition for review of the final removal order to the Ninth Circuit.

On June 23, 2016, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona entered a stay of removal "while the court hears the petition on the merits."

Tydingco-Gatewood, who later presided over the case, then dismissed Guanlao's claims with prejudice. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***



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Las Vegas Night funds go to Rotary playground

The 2018 Las Vegas Night of the Saipan Rotary Club next month features a 2019 model Kia Mirage as its grand prize.

Other raffle cash prizes include either a $10,000 grand prize or a new car, $3,000, $2,000, $1,000, and $500, plus several other door prizes that comes with the purchase of a ticket for the event.

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Tickets to the event go for $5 each and $20 per booklet, which contains five tickets. Those interested in getting tickets to the event may do so at Megabyte, the Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems Inc., at the McDonald's headquarters in Dandan, or from any Rotary Club member.

According to Rotary Club of Saipan president Greg Borja, the 2018 Las Vegas Night would be held at the Saipan World Resort Royal Taga Hall on Nov. 17, 2018. The event features a casino-like party complete with raffle draws.

It will also be the Rotary Club's 50th year anniversary celebration.

Borja said they are still looking for volunteers to be dealers or take on other roles.

He said funds raised from the event would be used for the down payment of a playground project the local Rotary Club is looking to build that is also accessible to individuals with disabilities.

"We are trying to raise funds this year to at least get a downp ayment to purchase a playground we can set up… at Sugar King Park," he said. "We would also use the funds for our exchange programs for our youth."

Borja is referring to the annual district conferences, which are typically held in Japan. This year, the Rotary is looking to send them to Guam. ***(Erwin Encinares)***

Club aids Mangkhut victims on Rota, Tinian

The Rotary Club of Saipan was able to provide assistance and support to Typhoon Mangkhut victims on Rota, along with dictionary giveaways for Tinian last week.

Club president Greg Borja reported yesterday that the club was able to provide Mangkhut victims with emergency items such as flashlights, some tents, and other supplies needed for getting ready for school.

"After the recent typhoon that devastated Rota, our club got together to…put together supplies such as mosquito coils, etc.," he said. "We basically put together some kits that included string bags, composition notebooks, pencils, pens, crayons, sharpeners, etc. so that the kids would be ready to get back to school."

All 196 students of the Sinapalo Elementary School were able to receive a kit.

On Tinian, Borja noted that the annual dictionary giveaways for third graders continued. ***(Erwin Encinares)***

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BABAUTA

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and Teregeyo to take the steps needed to make the pool available again for public use.

This includes providing maintenance supplies and staff, maintenance equipment, utility service, security personnel, and instructive personnel, and more.

Babauta filed his complaint on the grounds of breach of fiduciary duty, waste, negligence, and joint and severable liability.

According to the lawsuit, Torres and Teregeyo failed to carry out their fiduciary duties when they failed to consider the health and welfare of the CNMI community when dealing with the Mariana Resort & Spa/Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC lease related dealings.

Mariana Resort took it upon themselves to maintain the Marpi pool up until their lease extension expired back in Sept. 30. DPL, headed by Teregeyo, is now responsible for the maintenance of the facility.

Babauta alleges that Torres and Teregeyo failed or neglected to make the Marpi pool available to the CNMI community.

Babauta also claims that Torres and Teregeyo neglected to protect the CNMI community's health and welfare by allowing the Marpi pool to continue to waste away.

Lastly, Babauta claims that Torres and Teregeyo are liable for the financial loss, health hazards, and others societal detriments that could cause irreparable harm to the CNMI community if the Marpi pool is left to waste away.

A statement from Torres said the lawsuit tells of "a sad state of affairs when a political candidate ties up the judicial system for blatant political objectives."

"The people of the CNMI are not easily misled by the political manipulations a gubernatorial candidate is trying to employ. This is a clear sign of a political candidate without a platform or policy position aiming to take advantage of the complexities of public administration for his personal gain. The concerns of those who have grown to love and use the public pool have been heard and will be addressed, and this administration has taken a proactive role in reaching that goal. In addressing these concerns, Mr. Babauta has had no positive role in finding a solution. Governor Torres is confident that the courts will see this for what it is, and that the proper governance of the CNMI will continue after this election is over," he said.

CABRERA

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the opportunity to go out and represent our island…but my main goal is to bring back the crown," she added.

Cabrera said she wants to put the Marianas on the map and garner global recognition for the islands' beauty.

"I want our islands to be globally recognized as a beautiful place to live with its beautiful people, amazing culture and customs, and just everything about Saipan, Tinian, and Rota…I'd love for the world to know and that's my goal for Miss International," she said.

Although she is beyond nervous, Cabrera is turning the nervousness into excitement because she expects the experience to be once in a lifetime.

"Not many people can say that they ran in a Miss International pageant, so that's going to be a great experience for me," she said.

Cabrera has been training both physically and mentally with her crew.

The first batch of NMI Girl Scouts since 2014 spend quality time with Miss Marianas 2018 Celine Concepcion Cabrera, third from the left, before she leaves to compete in the 2018 Miss International pageant in Tokyo, Japan.

KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

"I have been training with my personal trainer [and] he has been a great help in this journey fitness wise. …Stellar [Marianas] has been wonderful in helping and assisting me [with] respect to categories like my question-and-answer. …Ernie Molina has been training me for my pageant walk and my poise," she said.

Cabrera asks that the CNMI community continue to support her as she vies for the crown while representing the Northern Mariana Islands.

"I'd like to ask for the continued support of our community. Everyone has been so wonderful with their kind words. I have received so many messages, calls from my friends and family in the community, and they are just letting me know that they support me and they want me to enjoy my time and not be too nervous but to do my best out there," she said.

BAISLEY

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the CNMI Supreme Court denied the government's petition to order the Superior Court to reinstate the charge of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree against Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion.

The high court also denied the government's request for the justices to order Superior Court Presiding Judge Roberto C. Naraja to recuse Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho from the case.

In the high court's decision, the justices said they find Camacho's determination to be logical.

Justice pro tem F. Philip Carbullido issued the opinion. Associate Justice John A. Manglona and Justice pro tem Timothy H. Bellas concurred with the ruling.

Camacho presided over the case. In 2016, he dismissed without prejudice the charges against Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion. That means the OAG may re-file the charges.

Camacho found no probable cause as to the charges of conspiracy to commit sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree as the government has produced no evidence that Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion conspired to have sex with a minor.

Camacho also found no probable cause for the two counts of misconduct in public office as the government presented no evidence that the alleged offense occurred.

The judge also dismissed without prejudice the charges of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree filed each against Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion. He said the government failed to prove essential elements of the offense.

With Camacho's ruling, the government then filed a petition for a writ of mandamus before the CNMI Supreme Court.

In his response to *Saipan Tribune*'s request for comments yesterday, Baisley said this was a petition for a writ of mandamus and that the CNMI Supreme Court's own rules state that such petitions are to take precedence over other matters.

He said the high court issued approximately 32 rulings before it issued this one.

Baisley recalled that the Office of the Attorney General filed the original petition in June 2016 and the high court issued its opinion only last Thursday.

"A two-plus year delay is hard to understand," said Baisley, adding that the legal issue was novel, but it was based on precious few cases.

He said in the high court's primary reasoning in this case, the justices analyzed one statute, compared the one statute with one other statute, and they analyzed the four cases. "That is an extremely limited legal landscape and so I'm not sure why it took over two years," the former prosecutor said.

In the meantime, he said, the community has had to wonder what the status of the prosecution of this serious alleged crime was.

Baisley said the OAG was wrongly blamed by many for the delay and that it was in a holding pattern until the high court decided last week.

The OAG is now in the unenviable position of having to evaluate its case two years later, he said. "It is well-understood in the legal profession that cases get harder and harder to prosecute the more time that goes by," he pointed out.

In terms of the opinion's substance, Baisley believes the high court got it wrong. He said he was disappointed that the Supreme Court did not really contend with the OAG's arguments.

"Typically, in novel cases you see courts describe the arguments they are addressing and then specifically walk through those arguments and why they are incorrect. That was not done here," Baisley noted.

He said there are many examples, but by just reading the high court's opinion, they can see that the justices pretty much assert their opinion without contending specifically with the Commonwealth's contrary position.

"Anyway, it's too bad, but reasonable minds can always disagree regarding novel legal questions, and this was a legal question without any prior specific authority in any jurisdiction in the United States," he said.

In other words, Baisley said, the high court had to decide for the first time what the law is, and that is a challenging endeavor.

"I have a lot of respect for the CNMI's Supreme Court, and, apart from the delay which hopefully has some compelling justification, I know they gave this important issue their best shot," he said.

Baisley said he is proud of the OAG for not shying away from novel legal questions, even ones with no precedent in any American jurisdiction.

The former prosecutor said some will of course complain and accuse the OAG of not handling the case properly, but he contends that the OAG chose the morally courageous approach here.

He said even if the high court ultimately sided against it, he wishes the OAG all the best in tackling the difficult decision of how to proceed now, two years later.

LAWYERS

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written petition for habeas corpus addressed to Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja, in which he accused King, and her two co-counsels from Guam, of providing him ineffective assistance. He named DOC and Attao as respondents in his petition.

In DOC's and Attao's motion, Pickett said that when a claim for ineffective assistance of counsel is raised, the court should issue a protective order that identifies the issue on which a waiver of attorney-client privilege is reasonably necessary to fairly respond to the allegations.

He said the order should and authorize the use and disclosure of those materials for the purpose of defending the claims in the habeas proceeding.

Pickett said Crisostomo first claimed that he told King that he wanted Cunliffe and Moots present for trial, but that King, who was his lead counsel, filed a motion to proceed without them.

Crisostomo said King did not tell him about it.

Crisostomo further alleges that King threatened him to make him tell the judge that he wanted to proceed without Cunliffe and Moots.

In his second ground, Crisostomo asserts that Cunliffe and Moots rendered ineffective assistance of counsel by not appearing at this trial.

The defendant alleges that Cunliffe and Moots failed to review the discovery in this case which was in their possession for a year despite knowing of the trial date six months in advance.

Crisostomo alleges that King drafted letters containing false information that she then would have Crisostomo rewrite in his own word and deliver to the judge.

Crisostomo alleges that he has copies of these letters, but they are not attached to the petition.

Further, he alleges that King erred by advising him not to testify.

Crisostomo makes a general allegation that his counsels were ineffective on his appeal to the CNMI Supreme Court.

His allegations center around a failure to cite relevant standards of review, and the Supreme Court's repeated criticism of King's brief.

Crisostomo alleges that his counsels failed to object to pre-trial, at trial, and during the appeal to testimony of a police detective that he had interviewed a witness who had seen Crisostomo with a cell phone resembling the victim's missing cell phone.

Pickett said that, by making these allegations, Crisostomo has waived his attorney-client privilege in two ways.

First, Pickett said, Crisostomo disclosed numerous privileged communications, and second, he placed the competency of his counsel in issue.

Pickett said DOC and Attao must be permitted to fully investigate Crisotomo's assertions.

He said DOC and Attao cannot prepare to litigate this claim unless King, Cunliffe, and Moots divulge all relevant privileged communications (both written and oral) and work product.

Naraja assigned Crisostomo's petition to himself. Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho presided over the trial. He sentenced Crisostomo to life imprisonment after a jury found the then-40-year-old Crisostomo guilty of first degree murder, kidnapping, sexual assault in the first degree, and robbery

The victim, Emerita R. Romero, 37, was last seen boarding a car near her house in Garapan in the early morning hours of Feb. 5, 2012. She was supposed to meet her boyfriend in Chalan Piao. Two days later, Federal Bureau of Investigation agents found her body in a small bathroom at the abandoned La Fiesta Mall in San Roque/As Matuis.

Last July, the CNMI Supreme Court affirmed Crisostomo's convictions.

'Existing hotels should get priority in new lease talks'

The Marianas Visitors Authority believes that existing hotels on public lands should be given first priority when negotiating a new lease or a renewal or extension of an existing lease.

Such priority should be the case as long as it conforms with the CNMI Constitution, said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion yesterday.

"We trust the Department of Public Lands is doing their due diligence on all these matters," he added.

He described as "a good thing" a Senate bill that would allow 15 additional years for existing leases.

He said the bill will allow hotel owners time to renovate and expand their properties with sufficient time to realize a solid return on investment.

"ROI (return on investment) is absolutely critical when making major business decisions," Concepcion said.

At the same time, he said, if a request for proposals is required for public land leases, all existing lease holders should be given at least five years or more before their lease expires to allow them to compete and plan for the future.

"Major investments need ample time to plan for future development," he said.

Senate Bill 20-35 seeks to extend the lease of public lands from 40 years to 75 years—40 years with up to a 35-year extension, which is seen to generate renewed economic interest in the CNMI from new investors.

Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan) recently disclosed that the Senate Committee on Resources, Economic Development, and Program chaired by Sen. Francisco Borja (R-Saipan) is still reviewing the bill to make sure all comments from various members of the community are taken into consideration.

The land leases of five landmark hotels on Saipan, including Hyatt Regency Saipan, are set to expire in three years. When its land lease expired this year, Mariana Resort & Spa and the Mariana Country Club in Marpi shut down after 40 years of operations.

Concepcion said the tourism industry requires stability and consistency in public policy because it creates an investor-friendly environment that attracts investors to the CNMI.

"Foreign investors monitor our actions from afar and are either persuaded or dissuaded from investing here if they feel there's no sense of certainty in public policy," he said. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Korean soccer player acquitted in Guam sex assault case

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—A South Korean professional soccer player has been acquitted in a sexual assault case in Guam.

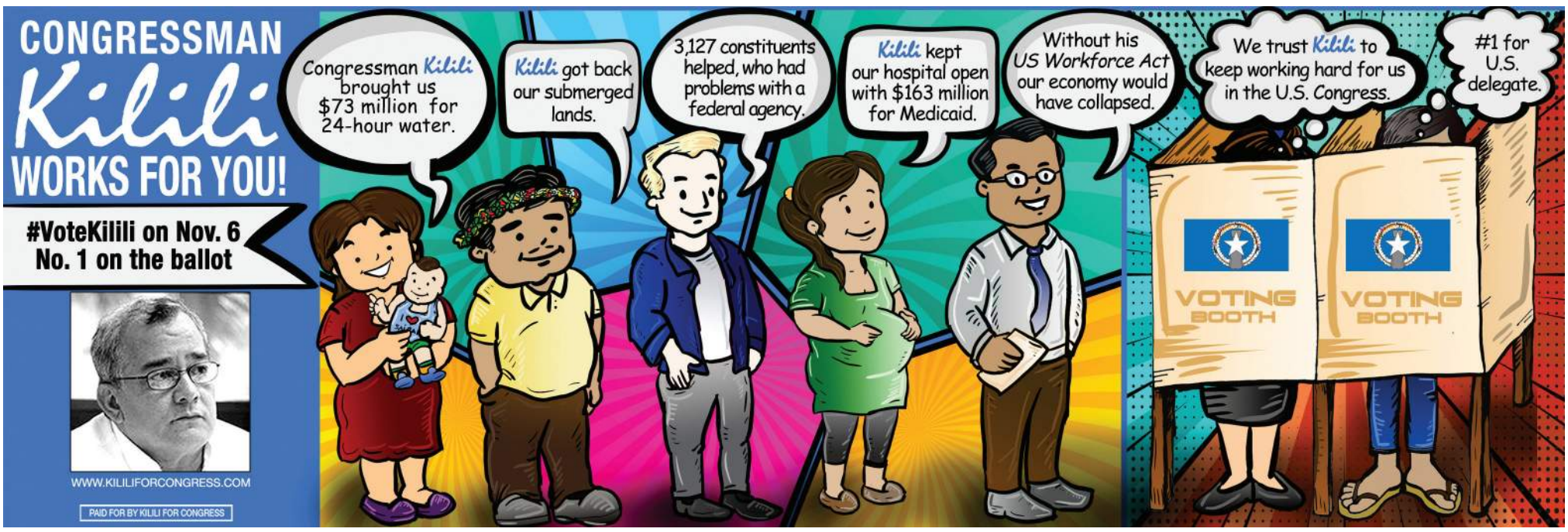
The *Pacific Daily News* reports a jury delivered not guilty verdicts Monday on all charges against Byong Oh Kim.

Kim was in Guam with the Sangju Sangmu soccer team for training in January.

He was indicted earlier this year on three counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct and four counts of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct.

A woman told police that she woke up in a hotel room to Kim touching her, and he then raped her.

Defense attorney F. Randall Cunliffe argued in court that prosecutors didn't show any evidence that Kim forced or coerced the woman. The defense also claimed the woman's story changed when she spoke to different authorities.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Salary advisory commission faces crunch time

By JON PEREZ
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REPORTER

The Advisory Commission that would study and make the recommendation on salary increases for elected officials will have at least three months to study and present a recommendation as stated on Public Law 20-71, which was signed into law by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres last week.

Article II Section X of the CNMI Constitution states that compensation for elected officials "may be changed no more than once every four years and upon the recommendation of an advisory commission established by law to make recommendations concerning the compensation of Commonwealth executive, legislative, and judicial officers."

The commission will have seven members with three to be appointed by Torres while Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan) and House Speaker Rafael S. Demapan (R-Saipan) will have two appointees each. The commission needs to be formed on or before Oct. 20, within 15 days after the day the bill was signed into law, Oct. 5.

The commission was formed to once and for all settle the issue on the salaries of CNMI's elected officials after the Supreme Court ruled the salary increases enacted under Public Laws 19-83, 7-31, and 4-32 are all unconstitutional. The commission needs to submit a salary they agreed on based on an existing consumer price index.

The Supreme Court, however, ruled that the salary increases—especially for the legislators—are unconstitutional, including the two previous wage hikes enacted under PLs 4-32 and 7-31.

The Superior Court then decided that the Supreme Court's decision won't be retroactive and that sitting legislators in the 20th Legislature will continue to receive their regular salaries of $39,300 until their term ends when the House and Senate adjourns. That's when lawmakers' salaries would go back to $8,000 per annum, unless lawmakers act on this issue before the start of the 21st Legislature.

Demapan has appointed Rep. Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) and Legislative Bureau fiscal analyst David Demapan as the representatives of the House. Torres and Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan) have yet to name their appointees to the commission as of press time.

Demapan said the commission, once all the members are named, will meet and choose among themselves the chairman before proceeding with the process of studying and making the recommendation based on an existing CPI.

They need to come up with a figure that would be appropriate to all, especially for legislators, or the annual salary of incoming members of the 21st Legislature will go back to $8,000.

"Time is very critical because, as we all know some time after the election, we always have what you call a lame duck Legislature. Sometimes, getting things done is not as smooth or easy as in regular sessions," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*.

"There is shorter number of days. Some would just require a simple majority in order for legislation, especially appropriation bills, to go through both the House and Senate," he added.

He said that the Supreme Court's decision just shows the effective checks and balances in the three branches of government. "Our job [in the Legislature] is to introduce legislation. The Executive implements it and the Judiciary interpret it to make sure it is within the Constitution."

"There's no such thing as a perfect legislation but we have to respect the process and the court's decision on that."

Demapan added that is where the Judiciary comes in, clarifying the laws that they created and implemented by the Executive Branch. "We need the courts to do that. Only the court can do that."

He said that the high court gave guidelines that the commission would follow before making a decision on their recommendation.

Triple J donates prizes for JKPL golf tourney

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Triple J Saipan has donated prizes that would be given away at the 4th Annual Golf Tournament of the Friends of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library.

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"We are humbled and grateful for all the support Triple J Saipan, Inc. and all our donors continue to provide to the island's public library facilities," said JKPL director Erlinda C. Naputi.

All the proceeds of the 4th Annual Golf Tournament will be appropriated to fund programs that benefit the community.

Tracy Guerrero, Triple J Saipan, Inc. controller, said that Triple J Saipan, Inc. "continually seeks opportunities to give back to our community. The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library and its branches have a track record of developing enrichment programs offered to members of our community. We encourage other businesses to also support the 4th annual golf tournament. And, we wish each golfer luck on the greens!"

With over 20 sponsors, five winning categories, four optional play, prizes for the most accurate drive and the longest drive, the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library 4th Annual Golf Tournament also features hole-in-one prizes such as a 2019 Toyota Corolla Hatchback, a 2018 Nissan Rogue Sport and $5,000. ***(PR)***

Kilili opens Close Up Youth Summit

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) opened the three-day Close Up Youth Summit at the Kanoa Resort last Tuesday.

He told the 80-some high school students gathered there that the choices they make as they grow into adulthood would not only determine the kind of life they would have. "The choices you are making will affect the lives of everyone around you, too," he said.

During the summit, students learn about how laws are made in the Commonwealth Legislature. They research specific issues they believe to be important to the community. And they conclude by presenting policy proposals to address those concerns.

"Close Up does a great job of raising awareness about the importance of civic participation," Sablan said. "This year in Congress we appropriated $900,000 for the program in the insular areas. I think that is a very worthwhile investment."

The money pays for the summit event. It also makes it possible for a group of about 20 Marianas students to visit the U.S. mainland for two weeks, including time in Washington, D.C. learning about Congress first-hand.

"In fact, I met some of the students, who visited their congressional office this spring, at the summit today," Sablan said.

Close Up funding is never a slam dunk. In fiscal 2017, the Obama administration tried to make Close Up compete for its annual grant against other programs. Congress pushed back, emphasizing the importance of civic education in the insular areas, and kept the funds intact.

"But the money that Congress appropriates to make Close Up possible would mean nothing, if not for you," Sablan reminded the students. "The money rents this hall. You fill it. With your energy and enthusiasm and—I hope—with great ideas."

Sablan thanked the young people for giving their time to attend the summit and for working to find ways to improve their community. ***(PR)***

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-IFB-18-022

ROTA WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 2 PROJECT
(W17-053)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Rota Water System Improvements Phase 2 Project in Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists, in general installation of a new main waterline; connections to the existing waterlines; installation of gate valve assembly, PRV installations, PRV CMU protective boxes, flush hydrant, fencing, restoration of existing asphalt concrete road; and other related work. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system.

This project is funded by a grant from the United Sates of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in ***365 calendar days*** *from date of award of contract.*

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **November 2, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Rota Directors Office, Sinapalo, Rota.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-18-022, Rota Water System Improvements Phase 2 Project"**, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 15, 2018**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The bid guarantee may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States, Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 6 , 2018** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to LCDR Travis Spaeth, CUC Water/Wastewater Senior Engineer – via email travis.spaeth@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant – via email christie.sablan@cucgov.org

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

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Purchasing Administrator

Upgrades at American Memorial Park

The National Park Service will be working on multiple projects to improve the infrastructure and grounds at American Memorial Park.

Visitors will be advised of temporary closures at specific locations as work proceeds on these projects. The projects will start in the next six to nine months. Project work will be scheduled to avoid interference with planned events whenever possible.

■ Culvert replacement: The rusted culvert and failing concrete headwalls will be replaced where the path from the parking lot to the ball fields crosses the constructed wetlands.

■ Court of Honor resurfacing: The circular upper plaza of the Court of Honor surrounding the flags will be resurfaced to improve drainage and visitor safety.

■ Micro Beach vegetation removal: The NPS has awarded a cooperative agreement to the Office of the Mayor of Saipan to finish removing vegetation damaged during Typhoon Soudelor. Once the project is underway, the park will engage the local community in a discussion of future plans for that area.

■ Walkway lighting: New solar powered bollard and overhead landscape lights will be installed along the edge of walkways in the Memorial Mall and Micro Beach areas. In preparation for the new lights, the park continues to remove damaged lights and recently replaced the lights at the Carillon Bell Tower with brighter low-wattage LED lights.

In addition, the park will be performing other work that may cause brief closures:

■ Restripe the visitor center parking lot including marking emergency lanes, bus and handicapped parking.

■ Repair and reset bollards along Micro Beach and Middle Roads.

■ Conduct a site investigation with soil sampling to determine the need for remediation of unexploded World War II ordnance based on a preliminary assessment last year.

For all of these projects, compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act and National Environmental Policy Act has been completed by the National Park Service and CNMI permits for ground disturbance have been issued where appropriate.

The total cost of these projects is approximately $670,000, which is in addition to the park's annual appropriation from the National Park Service (approximately $1.6 million) for operation of the park.

For more information, contact Superintendent Barbara Alberti at 670-234-7207, Ext. 2020 or barbara_alberti@nps.gov. ***(NPS)***

Guam Guard hosting Halloween event on Sat.

The Guam National Guard's Family Readiness Groups are hosting the 2018 Trunk-A-Treat event to provide a safe and fun Halloween experience on Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Guard's Readiness Center in Barrigada.

All military ID card holders, and their families, are invited to the annual event which will be held from 5pm until 9pm. and will feature a variety of activities, food and fun in a safe, family-friendly environment. The Trusted Traveler Program has been approved by The Adjutant General and will be in effect for this day only. All passengers, 18 years and older, must have valid identification to enter the facility.

The public is requested to drive cautiously along Army Drive, or Route 16, in the vicinity of the Guard's Readiness Center in Barrigada this Saturday. Public parking will be available within the readiness center during the event to ensure everyone is safe. ***(PR)***

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Donated cots for emergency victims' shelter get to Palau

ASAN, Guam—Coast Guardsmen assigned to U.S. Coast Guard cutter *Washington* delivered cots to the Anti-Human Trafficking Office under Palau's Ministry of Justice last Oct. 2.

"My crew and I were happy to deliver these cots to Palau. We are happy to be working alongside our Palauan partners on a regular basis and look forward to future joint efforts. Every opportunity we can help out is a good day," said USCGC *Washington* commanding officer Lt. Grant Rutter.

The cots were donated by the U.S. Navy at Joint Regions Marianas in Guam, and transported from Guam to Palau by USCGC *Washington*.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Jennifer Anson, Palau's Ministry of Justice Anti-Human Trafficking Office coordinator, receives cots from Lt. Grant Rutter, commanding officer, U.S. Coast Guard cutter *Washington* in Koror, Palau Oct. 2.

The cots will be used in the Anti-Human Trafficking Office's emergency victims' shelter. The emergency victims' shelter is a safe place where victims of human trafficking can stay temporarily while their cases are being investigated.

The Ministry of Justice Anti-Human Trafficking Office coordinator Jennifer Anson thanked the U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard for making this donation possible.

"These cots will make it possible to start accepting victims into the human trafficking emergency shelter. I thank the U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard for their quick response to Palau's request," said Anson. ***(PR)***

13th United Plane Pull unites Guam in fight against cancer

GUAM—United Airlines announced yesterday the winners of its 13th Annual United Plane Pull "Towing the Line to Save Lives" on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018, at the United hangar in Tiyan.

Forty teams registered. This year's event raised close to $25,000, which directly and equally benefitted the American Cancer Society and Guam Cancer Care.

The annual Plane Pull event, which is organized and sponsored by United employees, has attracted more than 11,000 participants throughout the past 13 years and has raised more than $340,000 for local charities.

Sam Shinohara, United's managing director of airport operations Asia/Pacific said, "The Plane Pull brings the best of our community together to raise funds for the fight against cancer. I'd like to thank each of the 40 teams who came out strong in support of our Cancer Warriors and Survivors, American Cancer Society and Guam Cancer Care. Four teams—GTA, Docomo Pacific, TanHoldings and Dewitt—have supported the Plane Pull event for all 13 years. The Plane Pull continues to grow through the generosity and commitment of our island community and the nearly 1,000 United employees who organize this incredible event."

Teams of 25 members each competed to pull a United Boeing 737 aircraft—129 feet long, 41 feet high and 124 feet wide, weighing a total of 141,000 lbs—12 feet in the fastest time. Two teams claimed the title of 2018 United Plane Pull champion. Leo Palace/Team Chikara won the men's division and Bank of Guam/Team IFIT took the win in the co-ed division. The Westin Resort Guam/Team Westin earned the 2018 Team Spirit Award.

"We've been in this community for 50 years, and we have seen the how this disease devastates families. Plane Pull is the epitome of community: teams cheer on those who are fighting and surviving this disease, remember those who we lost to cancer, and help other teams to be successful as they tow the line," Shinohara added. "United is proud to be a part of this generous community that places great value in supporting the American Cancer Society's search for a cure and Guam Cancer Care's programs that help local families." ***(PR)***

UNITED AIRLINES
Leo Palace/Team Chikara won the men's division of the 13th Annual United Plane Pull "Towing the Line to Save Lives" last Oct. 13, 2018.

UNITED AIRLINES
CTSI/TanHoldings Corp. participates in the 13th Annual United Plane Pull "Towing the Line to Save Lives" last Oct. 13, 2018.

UNITED AIRLINES
Bank of Guam/Team IFIT wins in the co-ed division of the 13th Annual United Plane Pull "Towing the Line to Save Lives" last Oct. 13, 2018.

WINNERS' LIST

Results for the Men's Division

1st Place: Leo Palace/Team Chikara with a time of 6.15 seconds

2nd Place: Tristar Terminals Guam. Inc./Team Terminalators with a time of 6.30 seconds

3rd Place: CTSI Logistics, Inc./Tan Holdings Team with a time of 6.38 seconds

Results for the Co-Ed Division

1st Place: Bank of Guam/Team IFIT with a time of 5.80 seconds

2nd Place: GTA/Team Ha'la with a time of 5.81 seconds

3rd Place: The Giving Tree Preschools/Team #TGT with a time of 6.04 seconds

2018 Team Spirit Award Winner

The Westin Resort Guam/Team Westin

MYPros to celebrate 3-year anniversary on Saturday

The Marianas Young Professionals, or MYPros, will be celebrating its three-year anniversary on Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Hyatt Regency Saipan ballroom.

During the event, MYPros will honor and celebrate young professionals in the CNMI with awards in the following categories: Young Professional of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, and the Spotlight Award.

The event will have "Havana Nights" as its theme.

The nominees for this year's Volunteer of the Year award are Brent Deleon Guerrero, brand coordinator of Docomo Pacific; Shayne Villanueva, operations manager of Aon Insurance and founder of Roil Soil Clothing; and Maria Valentina Haberman, marketing communications manager of Triple J Saipan Inc.

A graduate of Marianas High School, Deleon Guerrero has a culinary degree from Le Cordon Bleu in Scottsdale, Arizona. He joined the Docomo Pacific customer service team as part of the customer service department. He transitioned to Business Services and, just short of year, he accepted a position in the Brand Department.

Within a few months of being a part of the MYPros, he was tasked with chairing the 8th Annual Operation CNMI Homefront Support, where CNMI residents serving in any military branch received care packages from home.

Villanueva, who was born and raised in the Marianas, grew up in an only-child household on Saipan. He credits his grandfather, Francisco Villanueva, a businessman and deputy chief of CNMI Immigration, for teaching him the basics of business. After high school at Mt. Carmel School, Villanueva went to the Northern Marianas College but soon left to challenge himself in San Diego, California in 2001.After two semesters in school, he began his 15-year career in insurance sales. At the peak of his career, he was regional director for Southern California before opening Roil Soil Clothing in 2015.

During his next three years of entrepreneurship he represented his culture and islands through Roil Soil Clothing at the Pacific Islands Festival of Arts, Chamorro Festivals and throughout the West Coast. In September 2016, Villanueva moved back to the Marianas and brought on Peter Aldan as a business partner.

Haberman holds a master's degree in Business Administration and Management from Chaminade University of Honolulu and a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, with concentration in Early Childhood Development from University of Hawaii at Manoa. During college, Haberman stepped into real estate and business development in downtown Honolulu and eventually settled as a marketing and PR manager. She then ventured into the food and beverage industry as co-owner of Le Crepe Café.

After nearly 15 years, Haberman returned to Saipan. In 2015 she handled the marketing and public relation department of Hyatt Regency Saipan for two years. Currently she is a part of Triple J Saipan, Inc. She was recently the PR director for Stellar Marianas, a nonprofit pageant and talent group.

The MYPros anniversary event is open to all and will be held at the Hyatt Regency Saipan ballroom from 6pm to 10pm. Tickets are available for purchase for $45 at Tribe Marianas. ***(PR)***

Guerrero

Haberman

Villanueva

UOG bio major connects aspiring medical students with physicians

University of Guam students participating in the Health Opportunities and Medical Exposure Program for the first time give the UOG Tridents symbol at the completion of the program in early August. From left, Victoria Flisco, a fourth-year biomedical track biology major at University of Guam, co-founder of UOG's Premedical Chapter of the American Medical Student Association, and program coordinator for the Health Opportunities and Medical Exposure (HOME) Program; biology majors Gabriel Borg, Ella Macatugal, and Vincent Borja; Dr. Amanda del Rosario, a pediatrician at American Medical Center and executive director of HOME; biology major Terance Camacho; and chemistry and biology major Amanda Cruz.

UNIVERSITY OF GUAM PREMEDICAL CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

University of Guam students with an interest in medicine are gaining first-hand experience with local physicians through UOG's first-time participation with the nonprofit program Health Opportunities and Medical Exposure. The program initially served high school students but this year opened applications to college students as well.

UOG student Victoria Flisco co-founded UOG's Premedical Chapter of the American Medical Student Association a few years ago, and it became a connection point for the HOME Program to college students on the premedical path. Flisco later volunteered to become the program coordinator for HOME, building a conduit for premedical students to the program.

"Throughout my years as an undergraduate, I noticed that there was a dearth in medical-related opportunities here in Guam to help premedical students advance in their career paths," said Flisco, who is a fourth-year biology major on the biomedical track. "I tried to do what I could to ensure that there are continuing opportunities for those who aspire to become a medical doctor as I do."

Five UOG students were selected for the program from UOG's AMSA chapter: biology majors Gabriel Borg and Vincent Borja, chemistry and biology major Amanda Cruz, and biomedical track biology majors Ella Macatugal and Terance Camacho. They were up against more than 80 high school and college applicants overall.

The program paired the students with a local physician to shadow over the course of the summer.

"I wanted to join the HOME Program to gain an understanding of how a career in the medical field would be," said Borja, who is in his third year at UOG.

Borja, who is interested in pursuing dermatology, shadowed Dr. Erika M. Alford, an endocrinologist at the American Medical Center, and several of the center's nurses for eight hours per week for two months.

"One thing that I took away from the program is a priceless connection with the physician I shadowed," he said. "I do my best to remain in contact with her, and I know I can always go to her for any advice I may need in my journey in the medical field."

As program coordinator, Flisco handles communications with the mentors and reviews the students' progress throughout the summer.

"I have experienced shadowing before and have had amazing medical doctors as mentors," Fliso said. "I am happy to assist a program that paves a way so that other students who have no shadowing experiences can have the opportunity to learn from doctors and experience persevering through the challenges of practicing medicine to help the people of Guam."

Although UOG does not offer a pre-medical major, as of the Fanuchånan 2018 semester, it offers a biomedical track under the Biology Program for students wanting to enter medical, optometry, veterinary, dental, and pharmacy programs. Through the biomedical track, a student can receive academic credit for biomedically focused courses—including microbiology, molecular biology, anatomy, and physiology—that can serve as prerequisites for medical schools that students are aiming to attend.

"The HOME Program has been highly effective in placing students with medical professionals and serves as an excellent liaison between the medical professionals and our division," said Laura A.F. Biggs, an assistant professor of physiology and STEM education and the pre-pharmacy adviser at UOG.

Other participating clinics were Guam Radiology Consultants, FHP Health Center, One Love Pediatrics, IHP Medical Group, Pacific Hand Surgery Center, Dr. Shieh's Clinic, and The Neurology Clinic.

Flisco is continuing to work with the program in preparation for next summer's shadowing opportunities. For the 2019 cohort, she said she hopes to have even more volunteer mentors and host clinics to be able to expand the program's curriculum. ***(UOG)***

Miss Marianas to revive Girl Scouts

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The reigning Miss Marianas is focused on reviving the Girl Scout program in the CNMI as her community project.

Celine Concepcion Cabrera, the Miss Marianas 2018, said it is high time to revive the Girl Scout program in the CNMI, which has been nonexistent for four years now.

As a former Girl Scout herself with an aspiration to become a teacher some day, Cabrera said she wants to instill valuable life and leadership skills that she learned from scouting to young girls in the Commonwealth.

"The NMI Girl Scouts… is a valuable global program that will offer many fun activities and opportunities for our young girls to share ideas, learn from each other, and experience positive growth," she said.

The program will also teach young girls about science, math, technology, business and economic literacy, and environmental awareness.

The program aims to provide young girls the opportunity to establish long-term friendships while developing their leadership skills and their self-esteem.

According to NMI Girl Scout president Tania David, she is happy to bring the program back to life.

"We are happy to pair up with Miss Marianas and the Stellar Marianas group to help revive our program and provide the necessary support to give our young girls this wonderful opportunity," she said.

The previous Girl Scout program took a break in 2014 due to the lack of volunteers. Four years later, the CNMI will be able to enroll their daughters 6 to 12 years of age to become an honorary brownie.

Parents and family members are also encouraged to register as volunteers to help with troop activities.

The program will host an open house soon that will be open to community members who are interested in joining the program.

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The environmental sirens are sounding to save the planet

If things don't change soon, we're toast.

The Earth is getting hotter, and more intense storms are only one result. If we don't stop the warming, the changes will be irreversible. Hundreds of millions of people are at risk, with damages in the trillions of dollars. Among the problems: severe coastline flooding, more intense droughts and worsening wildfires; declining fish catches and crop yields; mass migrations of people, especially from the tropics; and the collapse of ice sheets in Antarctica and Greenland, accelerating sea level rise.

In the Paris pact of 2015, countries pledged to reduce greenhouse gases enough to limit the rise in temperature above preindustrial levels to 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit. The panel analyzed a lower threshold of 2.7 degrees, and found that beyond that number, dire changes start to cascade. Given the current lack of progress, the UN says we'll see those changes by 2040, way earlier than previously forecast. Put the urgency in perspective: An infant born today will graduate college around then.

The panel was direct in its prescription: Transform the world's energy system, period. Nothing else will work. That means a 40 to 50 percent reduction in emissions by 2030, and a carbon-neutral world by 2050. It means more solar and wind energy. It means an aggressive push toward electric cars. It means a tax on carbon emissions. It means planting more trees, and inventing ways to remove greenhouse gases from the air. And it means the virtual elimination of burning coal—the easiest way to get carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere is to never put it there.

This calls for leadership that grasps the threat and has the courage to take tough steps. But President Donald Trump is steering us toward a climate disaster. His administration has moved to weaken limits on power plant emissions and roll back fuel efficiency standards. He plans to remove the United States from the Paris agreement. And he wants to burn more of what he calls "clean, beautiful coal."

This recklessness isn't like Nero fiddling as Rome burns. This is Nero pumping gasoline onto the flames.

Trump expressed skepticism about the report while saying he would look at it. But his representatives had to approve the panel's conclusions, and did. His Pentagon says climate change is a national security issue. His National Highway Traffic Safety Administration projects a 7-degree rise in global temperatures by 2100. Even Exxon Mobil Corp. has announced its support for a carbon tax.

Trump isn't alone in his dereliction. Big emitters like China and India aren't doing their share. But we need to lead. We won't be insulated from the changes. But we can help stave them off. The UN report is a warning. Monster storms are the alarm: The window is short. The potential for destruction is huge. We must act. Now.

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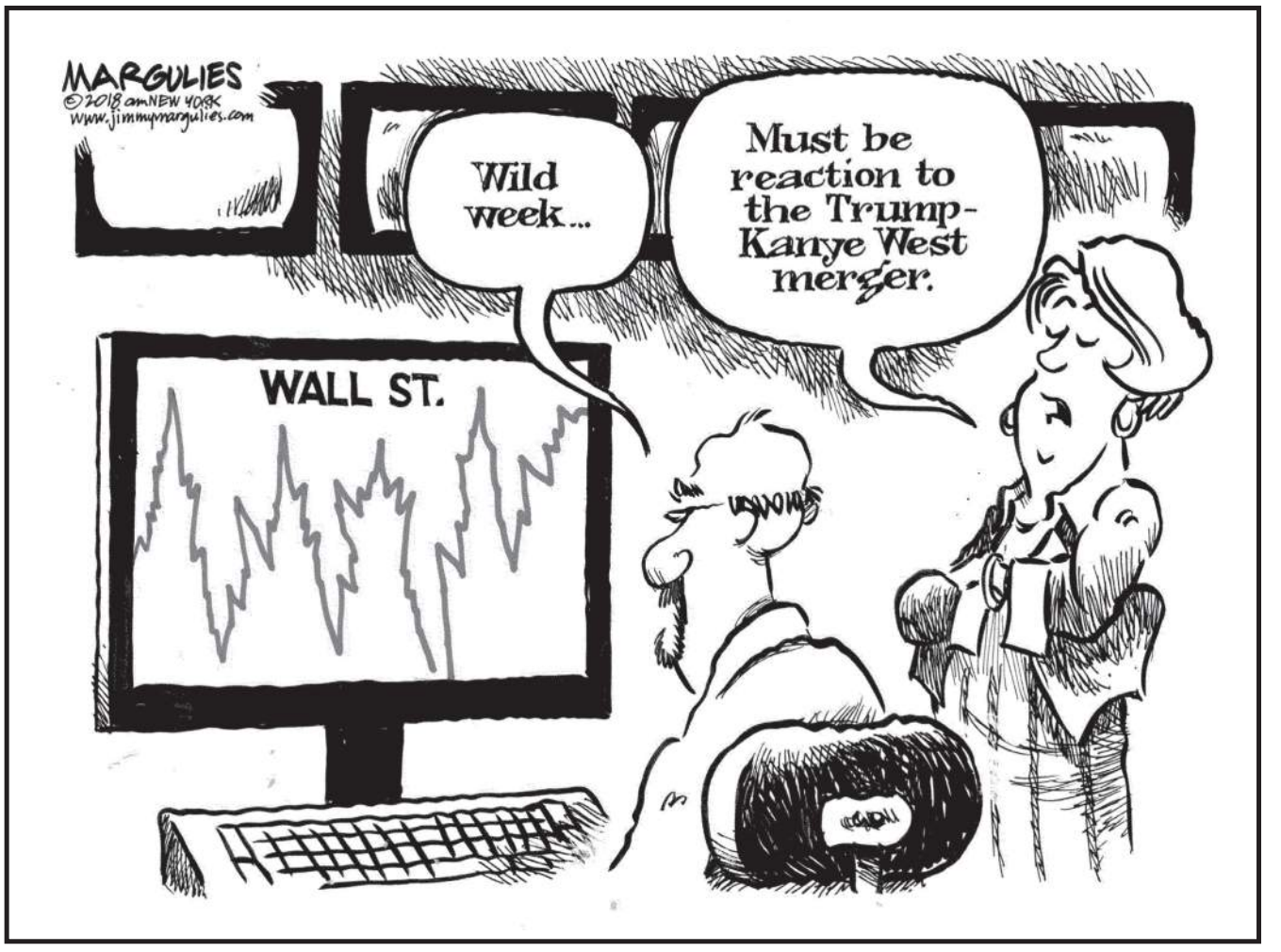

History will smile on Colin Kaepernick. Wanna bet?

By ALBERT R. HUNT
Bloomberg View

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Here's a wager that I'll win but will never collect: In 2068, Colin Kaepernick will be celebrated for the courage of his convictions while President Donald Trump will be vilified as a bigoted demagogue.

Kaepernick is the former National Football League quarterback who in 2016 knelt during the national anthem before games and inspired other players to join his protest against racial injustice. There was a political backlash, and for the past two years he hasn't had so much as a tryout with any NFL team. (The Seattle Seahawks offered him one if he'd swear off his anthem protest; he refused.) Trump blasted players with obscenities for joining Kaepernick's protest, charging that they were being disrespectful of the military. Not coincidentally, most of them are African-Americans.

This is relevant today. On Sunday, several NFL players continued to kneel during the anthem. In the final three weeks before the midterm elections, the president will use any issue to incite his loyalists, including appeals to racial prejudice and phony patriotism.

Why 2068? It will be 50 years ago on Tuesday that two U.S. Olympic sprinters, Tommie Smith and John Carlos, raised their fists in a black-power salute during the playing of the "Star-Spangled Banner" as they stood on the victory stand at the Mexico City Olympics. (Smith won the gold medal in the 200-meter dash while Carlos took the bronze.) The year before, boxing great Muhammad Ali had been driven out of his sport and widely condemned for refusing the military draft over objections to the Vietnam War.

The parallels between Kaepernick and those athletes is striking. Smith and Carlos were kicked out of the Olympic village by the United States Olympic Committee, which has become notorious for its corruption. They were chastised at home, received death threats and were unable to capitalize on their athletic success. Ali was denied a boxing license.

In time, all three became symbols of courage. Smith and Carlos were educators, even enlisted by future Olympic committees.

In April, the Newseum in Washington, D.C. awarded First Amendment Freedom of Expression Awards to Smith and Carlos. They were introduced by basketball legend Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who said they had earned a "place in civil rights history" alongside their accomplishments in sports. The outspoken Carlos noted that evening that another award was being given to the New York Times for its revelations about sexual assaults, and pointed out that the Times hadn't been as courageous a half-century earlier in covering the Olympic protests.

Ali returned to boxing, and though robbed of three prime years, reclaimed his greatness in the ring. No athlete was more celebrated around the globe. In 1996, in an extraordinarily moving moment, he stood at the top of a stadium in Atlanta, with hands trembling from Parkinson's Disease, to light the Olympic flame. Nine years later, he was given the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President George W. Bush.

Unlike these three, Kaepernick is not an historically great athlete. But he was a good professional quarterback, leading the San Francisco 49ers to the Super Bowl in 2012 and the NFC Championship game a year later, and once passed for more than 400 yards in a game. He wasn't a regular starter after that, but certainly has more than enough ability to be a backup quarterback.

His protest was best characterized this year by Beto O'Rourke, the Texas Democrat running for the U.S. Senate.

"I can think of nothing more American than to peacefully stand up or take a knee for your rights, anytime, anywhere, or in any place" O'Rourke said at a candidate town hall in August. He was immediately assailed by his Republican opponent, Senator Ted Cruz—a man who embraced Trump even after Trump falsely suggested during the presidential nomination race in 2016 that Cruz's father had links to President John F. Kennedy's assassin.

Standing for the "Star-Spangled Banner" has nothing to do with supporting the military. Until 2009, NFL players were in the locker room during the pre-game playing of the anthem.

The best rejoinder to Trump's demagoguery came from Carlos in an interview with Sports Illustrated this month.

"He called young black men sons of bitches for kneeling," Carlos said. "He said they weren't respecting the military. What did he ever do in the military? And what did any of his children do in the military?"

Kaepernick is suing the NFL, accusing the league of colluding to keep him off the field. I expect him to win. Anybody want to bet against me?

No? Then how about that bet about his eventual place in history? Oh, how I wish I could be around in 50 years to collect!

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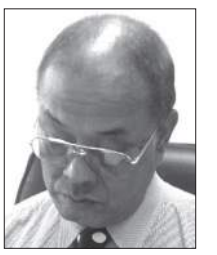

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Ibaratun suetdu i primera asuntun halum guma` familia guine. I fuetsan moneda dumetetmimina kinalamten familia. I suetdu mau`udai gi metgot na ekonomian tanu`. Gigon matompu kontodu i suetdu basnag.

`An tinahuñg moneda ni muna` fatsu kinalamten i familia kumubre guiya este tutuhun chinatsaga. Este na problema fumañagu otru siha chinatsagan halum guma`.

Pot ihemplo, i disiente yan safu na guma` depende gi fuetsan monedan familia. `An suffisiente salape` disiente lokue` fanliheñg. `An tinanahuñg pues siempre ha usune maseha kuattru ohas sin para fanliheñgña. ` Estake guaha lehitimu ayudu estague` `nai sumaga i tropa.

Dispues de apas obligasion siha magpu` i nobenan talo`ane. Estague` na estau `nai mangaige lamegai na tautau-ta. Inafuetsas este na kondision ni baratun suetdu pot baban ekonomia. Kumeke ilegña na megai gumagana suetdun "poverty income" `sino suetdun maseñala popble.

Namanman sa` `nai tiempun dos defuntu gobietnu homlu` i kinalamten familia siha `nai kinatsu ni mauleg na ekonomian tanu`. Malag manu i ma-anunsia na adelantu guine ti alacha?

I monedan familia solu `nai siña ma-adelanta `nai homlu` i ekonomian i tanu`. Bula bisnis yan salape` `nai sinedi hatsadan suetdu maseha adumididi`. Sin este todu mangatdun gi presente na kondision, sala`. Guaha mohon kampu ma-adelanta ekonomian i tanu`?

Ayudu: Mansuette tautau-ta ayudun federat deste ñeñkanu`, apas hospitat, yan fanliheñg familia. Konsidera `an taigue este na ayudu. Maseha dididi` lau kontentuyu` maigu` sa` guaha ni numesessita ayudu kabales ausiliu mafattu.

Hu chage tirun pinepble antes `nai taya` ayudun food stamps. Diberas puti na tiru sinetnan sune pat choda yan hanum sinaga para sena. Fuetsau man-eyag ham man-la`la` entalu` peskan tanu` yan tasi yan haf` siña in` kusecha ginen i gualu`. Mattirun hinanau popble lau todu i tiempu motmut bendision mame hinimiddi yan minesñgun ginen i Saina.

**Chata`an:** Deste chatagmag masmai i tanu` ni finattun chata`an. Dididi` mas fresku i guinaifen mañglu` mientras sige satpun halum i baranda. Todu hana` fan dispasiu kontodu kareta siha gi chalan.

Mauleg na tinilaikan klima dispues de la apmam na tiempun somnag. Man-nina`e tinanum yan cha`guan siha gi oriya tiempu bumira siha tatte gi naturant na kulot betdi. Kontodu tañken hanum familia man-mañahguan tatte.

Estague` na tiempu antes `nai kulan guaha chanda piot kontra foggun guafe gi hagas kusina. Gigon un` diskuida hau muñgayu kontiempu ti libre hau tumotne i guafe gi feggun ensegidas. Siempre un` na-añglu` `an hokan hayu ginen oriyan guma`. Bali listu gi nesessidat hayun kusina.

Gai bintaha lokue` este na tiempu piot ya dinilalag i katdumin atulai esta i halum rubentason. `An machenchulu ni tropa todu man-mañage inaflitu yan kelaguen. Lau kulan taigue pot gai tiempu ti humalum atulai gi sanhalum.

Talayeru: Gi un` minachum atdau animu un` talayeru tumira talayaña antes de u senhomhum. Gaige lahiña na ha pumepega i guihan siha gi halum lagua. Kada gai tiempu ha gonaf unai, hinagua, dispues `nai hapega gi sagaña.

Sessu huli`e i mismu patgon chumiliguagua` as bihuña. Un` dia siempre u eyag mandagau lokue` talaya. Benefisiosu para guiya pot mantension familiaña dispues. Namagof hinanau ayu na hobensitu sa` probichosu ineyagña ginen as bihuña. Un` dia u paire lokue` na talayeru!

Peska: Hasan esta tali`e man-hoben man-huyuñg man-peska entalu` tasin iya Susupe yan Garapan. Un` offisiu na kumeke faliñgu petmanente.

Huli`e hinanau lalahen Lali Fo` guine na klasen peska. Bula grasia, chaleg yan paire na dinaña` dispues de peska. Megai gi halum ayu na tropan peskadot esta man-madispone. Puede ti machule` hanau i offisiu yan siha gi hinanau para i minachum atdau gi puntan tasi.

Ileghu na guaha man-mauleg na peskadot ni siña fumanu`e manhoben benefisiun peska. Hagas patte este gi kutturan satbasion natibu. Huñgan bula siha offisiu na tiempu. Lau taya` disbintaha ma-asegura na man-naturat i natibu gi usun peskan tasi.

Hinimiddi: Un` bihan bisinu ha puha i edda` ya ha tanum gihas kamute. Huli`e animuña deste ke ha guasan yan kuha un` dikiki` na lugat gi tatten guma`.

Kuattru-sais mesis dispues hana`e-yu` i amku` un` platun saibog kamute ginen tinanomña. Fuera de hu gulusune i mames kamute hafana`gue-yu` leksion hinimiddi ayu na platun saibog.

Bali umeyag ginen un` biha haf` dispotsihe pisun lina`la`. Ha pasensiaye ham tumanum para hame mismu gi tatten guma` entre kamute, sune yan choda. Mauleg in` kusecha ginen finanagueña i amku`. Mit grasias!

Si nanan mame hunana`e sinsiyu na agradesimientu pot finana`guen tinayuyot diariu na lisayu. Pisun mame gi ineyag linala` espirituat. Patte gi hinanau mame kontodu misan Dameñgo yan gupot patron-hu as St. Jude.

Diabetes in the CNMI

By JOHN L. DOYLE III, MD
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Diabetes is a disease that affects many on these islands. Nearly everyone knows someone who is diabetic and it likely runs in most families.

Diabetes comes in 2 types basically.

Type I diabetes is also called juvenile diabetes because it often is discovered when patients are very young. In Type I diabetes, the body does not make insulin. Insulin is required for living and so if the body does not make it then it must be supplied. These are the patients that are on insulin every day and must take it every day to avoid diabetic ketoacidosis, which is life-threatening.

Far more common is Type II diabetes.

In Type II diabetes the body still makes insulin but it is either not enough or the body has a resistance to it.

While there is a large genetic predisposition to diabetes, here the main cause is being overweight and/or obese.

All of the complications of diabetes can be prevented for most people by losing weight and getting to a healthy size. Being overweight raises the level of insulin in your body but it raises the resistance to insulin within the body. Lack of activity, lack of exercise and poor eating habits make the problem even worse. In other words, if you have more body than you have insulin then you will become diabetic.

Many Type II diabetics do end up on insulin as their body's ability to process insulin and sugar begins to fail.

Diabetics do not die of Type II diabetes although they can if the sugar gets high enough or if they develop electrolyte abnormalities due to untreated sugar.

Diabetics die of heart disease. Diabetics die from kidney failure. Diabetics die from losing limbs and losing their mobility. Diabetics go blind.

All of this can be prevented.

Keeping blood sugar levels controlled actually extends life.

When blood sugar rises the normal mechanism for transporting glucose (sugar) from the blood stream to the body is overwhelmed. Under normal conditions transport proteins are used to move sugar throughout the body. When sugar is too high the sugar tends to "leak" through the blood vessel walls, damaging the blood vessels as it does. The small vessels in the eye, the kidney and the heart are most affected but the vessels in the legs and feet are also subject to damage.

This is why the treatment strategies for diabetes have emerged.

Initially the diabetic is started on a diet. Carbohydrate restriction and healthy eating can sometimes help control diabetes and medication might not be required.

If a medication is required, ideally one starts with an oral medicine such as metformin. Metformin causes less glucose to be released from the liver and also helps boost sensitivity to existing insulin and to decrease absorption of glucose in the diet. This helps to control blood glucose and often can be the only medicine you need. There are numerous medications we can draw from to treat diabetes if metformin is not enough or is not tolerated. Many have been around for years and there are some new ones. Some are less likely to cause hypoglycemia or low blood sugar than others.

In addition to controlling the blood sugar diabetics are also started on either an ACE inhibitor (angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor) or an ARB (angiotensin receptor blocker). This step is necessary not only for blood pressure control but also to protect the kidneys against the diabetes. They help to delay or prevent protein in the urine, which is very damaging to the kidneys and indicates significant kidney damage.

Diabetics should also be on a statin medication if they tolerate them. Again, specifically in diabetic patients, this has shown to prolong life and perhaps protect the heart from the ravages of diabetes.

In addition, diabetics should have at a minimum one eye exam per year. More often if your eye specialist recommends them. The small vessels in the eyes are easily damaged by sugar and high sugar can also cause growth of new vessels which will rob the patient of their eyesight. When caught early it is highly treatable.

Diabetics should have a urinalysis at least once or twice a year to check for microalbumin, an early warning sign of kidney damage.

Diabetics must be very careful about their feet. Lesions on the feet can become infected very easily due to the damage to blood vessels in the legs and feet. Often this ends with amputation as the whole limb dies off. Proper fitting shoes are a must and it really is inadvisable for a diabetic to walk around barefoot. Diabetics must be aware of hot water and make sure that baths are the right temp before getting in. Since the diabetic foot is often numb, serious burns can occur which can become infected and lead to loss of limbs.

But the biggest thing that most diabetics can do is to lose weight.

Weight loss restores your body's utilization of insulin and contributes to overall health and wellbeing.

Low carb diets are the easiest for diabetics to follow but any weight loss regimen is better than nothing.

Exercise is essential. At least 30 minutes three to four times a week. Walking is a good exercise. Longer periods of exercise are helpful as well but the 30-minute mark will get you started.

Diabetes is a major risk factor for heart disease. A diabetic should have their blood pressure under good control and their blood sugar under good control. They should be on a statin medication as mentioned above and should not smoke.

Contrary to popular belief, brown rice and white rice have about the same amount of sugar in them. If it has carbohydrates in it then it has sugar.

Carbohydrates are not found in fish, chicken, pork or beef unless they are processed. While too much red meat can be disadvantageous or even bad for you, the weight loss and sugar control offset that for the limited time one would be on the diet. If it swims, crawls, walks, runs or flies, it is fair game. There are low carbohydrate vegetables available as well. Just read the labels or look online.

Talk to your healthcare provider about your risks for diabetes and what you can do to minimize the risks and if you are already diabetic then start on your weight loss and work with your doctor to keep you at peak fitness while you diet, exercise, and heal your body.

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
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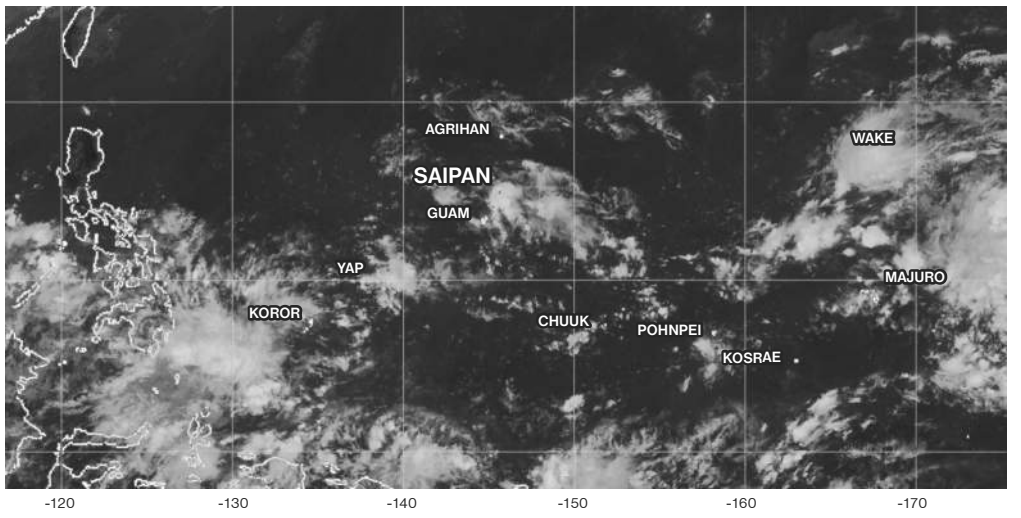

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A few small changes made to forecast. The surface analysis from Monday night showed a circulation northeast of Yap. A surface trough stretched from the circulation to just south of Guam. Models show the circulation drifting north over the next day or two. As the circulation moves northward it will drag the trough over the Marianas. The trough will produce isolated thunderstorms through Wednesday night. Models hint at a slightly higher chance of scattered showers over the local area today. Satellite imagery did show patches of showers and thunderstorms to the east and west of the local area, with not much over the islands so left showers isolated until the afternoon. With the trough in the vicinity there will be a possibility of scattered showers at some point through Wednesday night. Was not certain on the timing of the scattered showers as models differ on that so left shower coverage as isolated for now.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	87° / 79°
Palau	Partly Cloudy	85° / 77°
Yap	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	86° / 80°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	89° / 76°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	89° / 76°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 81°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	63° / 52°
Beijing	Sunny	64° / 41°
Hong Kong	Mostly Cloudy	79° / 73°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	85° / 75°
London	Partly Cloudy	63° / 52°
Los Angeles	Sunny	82° / 58°
Manila	Thunderstorms	91° / 79°
Melbourne	Thunderstorms	72° / 55°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	85° / 80°
New York	Mostly Sunny	60° / 42°
Osaka	Sunny	70° / 55°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	72° / 54°
Busan	Showers	66° / 54°
Rome	Partly Cloudy	79° / 61°
Salem	Mostly Cloudy	77° / 55°
San Francisco	Sunny	71° / 53°
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	64° / 43°
Tokyo	Showers	68° / 55°
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	63° / 43°

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7:39 AM	LOW TIDE	0.21
3:20 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.65
9:08 PM	LOW TIDE	1.16
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DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:08 AM	5:55 PM
Thursday	6:09 AM	5:55 PM
Friday	6:09 AM	5:54 PM
Saturday	6:09 AM	5:53 PM
Sunday	6:09 AM	5:53 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	12:56 AM	-	-
Thursday	-	12:33 AM	1:41 PM
Friday	-	1:22 AM	2:24 PM
Saturday	-	2:11 AM	3:05 PM
Sunday	-	3:01 AM	3:45 PM

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UA117	8:45am	9:30am	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	7:00am	7:45am	Daily
UA104	11:30pm	12:16am+1	2, 4

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW9308	1:10am	4:10am	3, 4
TW308	1:35am	5:20am	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
TW9308	3:20am	6:30am	2
TW9308	3:25am	6:30am	5
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:10pm	7:45pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	9:30am	3:10pm	Daily
TW9307	6:30pm	12:10am+1	2, 3
TW307	7:00pm	12:35am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ625	8:40pm	2:10am+1	7
TW9307	9:00pm	2:20am+1	1
TW9307	9:05pm	2:25am+1	4
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:30am	1, 4, 5, 7

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

JD396	7:30am	11:00am	1
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HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4
JD395	9:35pm	5:00am+1	7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:35am	2, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	8:20pm	2:50am+1	1, 5

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:55pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
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UA117/183	8:45am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
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MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

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UA184/174 via GUM	10:25pm	7:45am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7
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SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

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HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

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1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

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ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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GUAM TO ROTA

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SAIPAN TO TINIAN

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Business

Paul Allen, Microsoft co-founder and philanthropist, dies

SEATTLE (AP)—Paul G. Allen, who co-founded Microsoft with his childhood friend Bill Gates before becoming a billionaire philanthropist, technology investor and owner of several professional sports teams, has died. He was 65.

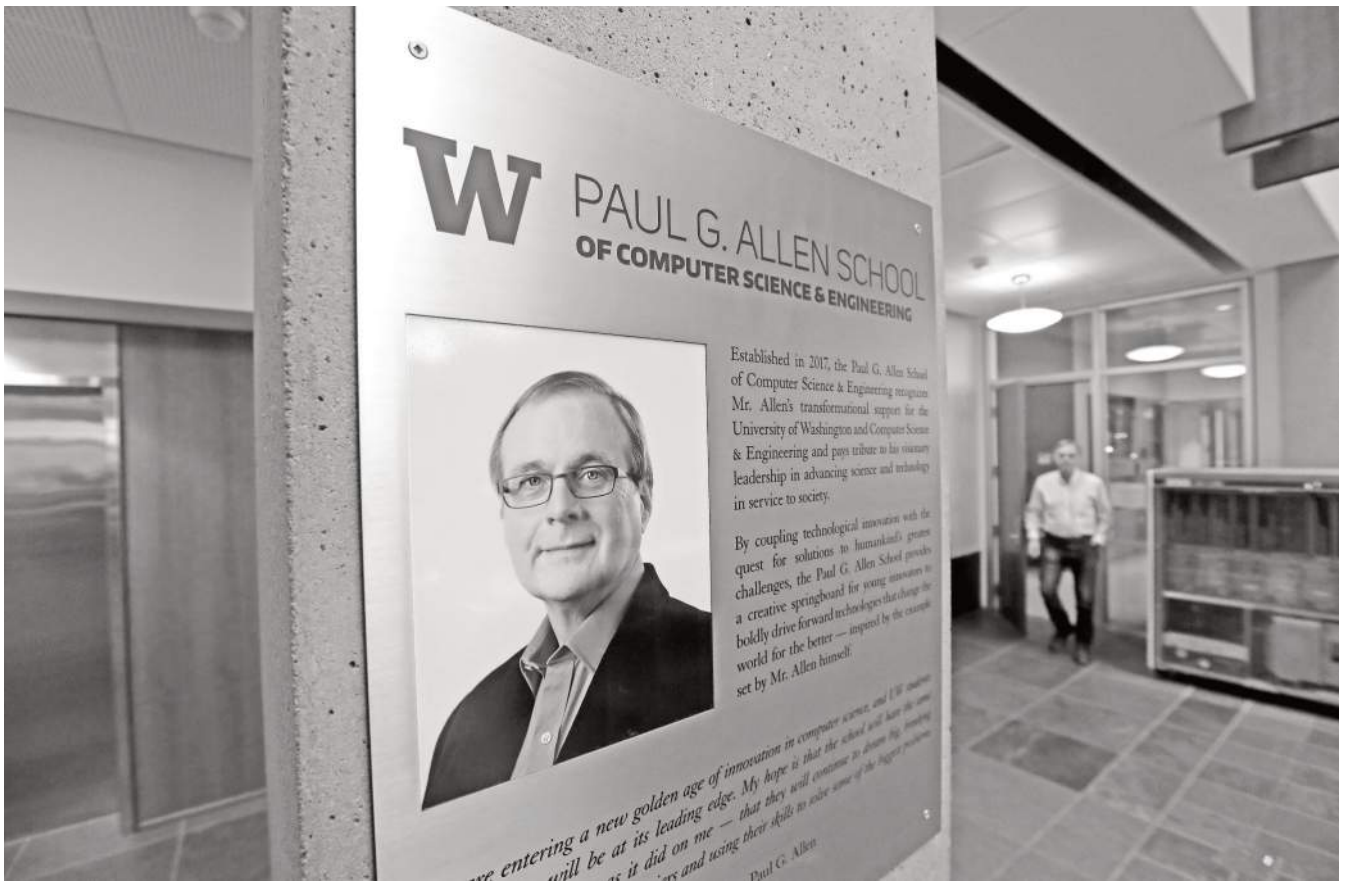
He died Monday in Seattle, according to his company Vulcan Inc. Earlier this month Allen announced that the non-Hodgkin's lymphoma that he was treated for in 2009 had returned and he planned to fight it aggressively.

Gates said he was heartbroken about the loss of one of his "oldest and dearest friends."

"Personal computing would not have existed without him," Gates said in a statement, adding that Allen's "second act" as a philanthropist was "focused on improving people's lives and strengthening communities in Seattle and around the world."

Allen and Gates met while attending a private school in north Seattle. The two friends would later drop out of college to pursue the future they envisioned: A world with a computer in every home.

Gates so strongly believed in their dream that he left Harvard University in his junior year to devote himself full-time to his and Allen's startup, which Allen dubbed Micro-Soft, short for microprocessors and software. Allen spent two years at Washington State University before dropping out as well.



AP

A portrait of Paul Allen stands on a wall at the Paul G. Allen School of Computer Science & Engineering at the University of Washington, Monday, Oct. 15, 2018, in Seattle.

They founded the company in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and their first product was a computer language for the Altair hobby-kit personal computer, giving hobbyists a basic way to program and operate the machine.

After Gates and Allen found some success selling their programming language, MS-Basic, the Seattle natives moved their business in 1979 to Bellevue, Washington, not far from its eventual home in Redmond.

Microsoft's big break came in 1980, when IBM Corp. decided to move into personal computers and asked Microsoft to provide the operating system.

Gates and company didn't invent the operating system. To meet IBM's needs, they spent $50,000 to buy one known as QDOS from another programmer, Tim Paterson. Eventually the product refined by Microsoft — and renamed DOS, for Disk Operating System — became the core of IBM PCs and their clones, catapulting Microsoft into its dominant position in the PC industry.

The first versions of two classic Microsoft products, Microsoft Word and the Windows operating system, were released in 1983. By 1991, Microsoft's operating systems were used by 93 percent of the world's personal computers.

The Windows operating system is now used on most of the world's desktop computers, and Word is the cornerstone of the company's prevalent Office products.

Allen, however, departed the company just eight years after its founding in 1975. He served as Microsoft's executive vice president of research and new product development until 1983, when he resigned after being diagnosed with cancer.

"To be 30 years old and have that kind of shock — to face your mortality — really makes you feel like you should do some of the things that you haven't done yet," Allen said in a 2000 book, "Inside Out: Microsoft in Our Own Words."

Two weeks ago, Allen announced that a different cancer—non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, which he was treated for in 2009 — had returned.

Over the course of several decades, Allen gave more than $2 billion to a wide range of interests, including ocean health, homelessness and advancing scientific research. With his sister Jody Allen in 1986, Paul Allen founded Vulcan, the investment firm that oversees his business and philanthropic efforts.

US budget deficit hits highest level in 6 years

WASHINGTON (AP)—The federal budget deficit has surged to $779 billion in fiscal 2018, its highest level in six years as President Donald Trump's tax cuts caused the government to borrow more heavily in order to cover its spending.

The Treasury Department said Monday that the deficit climbed $113 billion from fiscal 2017. Debt will likely worsen in the coming years with the Trump administration expecting the deficit to top $1 trillion in 2019, nearly matching the $1.1 trillion imbalance from 2012.

The deficit worsened because tax revenues are not keeping pace with government spending. The government's fiscal year runs from October to September, unlike calendar years that begin in January. Tax revenues were essentially flat in fiscal 2018, while spending increased 3.2 percent as Congress gave more funds for military and domestic programs.

Revenues generally tumbled after December when Trump signed into law $1.5 trillion of tax cuts over the next decade. The tax cuts have caused economic growth to accelerate this year with Federal Reserve officials anticipating gains of 3.1 percent. But the Trump administration initially promised that the tax cuts would pay for themselves through stronger growth—and there is no sign so far of that happening.

"The budget numbers make very clear that the faster growth isn't stopping the deficit from increasing," said Marc Goldwein, senior policy director for the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, a group that advocates for lower deficits.

Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin suggested in a statement that the underlying source of the widening deficit was growth in government spending, rather than the tax cuts.

Jurors: Don't throw out $289M weed killer cancer verdict

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Jurors who found that agribusiness giant Monsanto's Roundup weed killer contributed to a school groundskeeper's cancer are urging a San Francisco judge not to throw out the bulk of their $289 million award in his favor, a newspaper reported Monday.

Juror Gary Kitahata told Judge Suzanne Bolanos in a letter that the jury was convinced by the evidence, the San Francisco Chronicle said.

"I urge you to respect and honor our verdict and the six weeks of our lives that we dedicated to this trial," he said.

Juror Robert Howard wrote to the judge that the jury had paid "studious attention" to the evidence and any decision to overturn its verdict would shake his confidence in the judicial system.

Bolanos said last week she is inclined to throw out $250 million in punitive damages in favor of DeWayne Johnson. She is also considering dramatically reducing the remaining award. Her final decision is due by Oct. 22.

Monsanto, which was acquired by Bayer AG in June, has asked the judge to override the jury's decision and enter judgment in its favor or order a new trial.

Bayer AG in a statement on Monday thanked the jury for its "important public service," but said the "post-trial motions in the Johnson case raise issues of law that are properly addressed by Judge Bolanos."

Johnson sprayed Roundup and a similar product, Ranger Pro, at his job as a pest control manager at a San Francisco Bay Area school district, according to his attorneys. He was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in 2014 at age 42.

His lawsuit is among hundreds alleging Roundup caused cancer, but it was the first one to go to trial.

Many government regulators have rejected a link between glyphosate—the active ingredient in Roundup—and cancer. Monsanto has vehemently denied such a connection, saying hundreds of studies have established that glyphosate is safe.

The jury in August determined that Monsanto should have provided a label warning of a potential health hazard.

In a tentative order last week, Bolanos said Johnson's attorneys had failed to show Monsanto acted with "malice or oppression"—a prerequisite for punitive damages.

STOCK PORTFOLIO

LEADING INDICATORS

DOW	S&P	NASDAQ
25,250.55	2,750.79	7,430.74
-89.44	-16.34	-66.15
-0.35%	-0.59%	-0.88%

EXCHANGE RATES

In U.S. dollar terms

Australian Dollar	1.4	Hong Kong Dollar	7.84	Russian Ruble	65.54
British Pound	0.76	Indian Rupee	73.89	Singapore Dollar	1.38
Canadian Dollar	1.30	Indonesian Rupiah	15,227.90	South Korean Won	1127.92
Chinese Yuan	6.92	Malaysian Ringgit	4.15	Swiss Franc	0.99
Euro	0.8644	New Zealand Dollar	1.52	Taiwan Dollar	30.84
		Philippine Peso	54.07	Thailand Baht	32.67

Nation

California utilities shut off power amid wildfire concerns

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Concerned about downed power lines sparking wildfires, two major California utilities took the rare step of cutting power to customers amid high winds—and another power provider was considering similar action.

The move came as strong winds swept California, knocking down trees and power lines. One woman was killed when a tree fell onto her car.

In Northern California, Pacific Gas & Electric for the first time began cutting power Sunday night to tens of thousands of customers after the National Weather Service warned of extreme fire danger across the state due to high winds, low humidity and dry vegetation.

San Diego Gas & Electric followed suit Monday, turning off power to about 360 customers in foothill areas near Cleveland National Forest, where multiple blazes have scorched large swaths of land in recent years.

SDG&E has pre-emptively shut off power to customers in the past, most recently in December when 14,000 customers went without power—many for four days.

Pacific Gas & Electric previously announced its plan to shut off power preemptively after authorities blamed its power lines for sparking some of California's most destructive wildfires.

The utility expects to pay billions of dollars in wildfire damages and has sought ways to limit its liability through the courts and Legislature.

AP

A Tustin police officer looks over the debris of a car that was crushed by a 40-foot tall eucalyptus tree that snapped during high winds Monday, October 15, 2018.

The utility said about 87,000 customers had their power halted and more could be left in the dark depending on the weather. Some 60,000 customers remained without power. Schools in those affected areas canceled classes.

PG&E said it expected to restore power Monday night to most customers—though some residents won't get electricity back until Tuesday.

"We know how much our customers rely on electric service, and we have made the decision to turn off power as a last resort given the extreme fire danger conditions these communities are experiencing," PG&E spokesman Pat Hogan said.

PG&E said it began notifying affected customers on Saturday about possible outages. However, many said Monday they had received little or no notice.

Stewart Munnerlyn was scrambling to find generators to save $8,000 worth of ice cream at his creamery shop in Pine Grove, about 55 miles (89 kilometers) east of Sacramento. Munnerlyn said he is in Virginia visiting a sick relative and received three text messages Sunday night from PG&E saying it might cut power, but he didn't know it actually happened until a friend called him.

"They knew what they were going to do obviously," Munnerlyn said. "We weren't given enough notice to properly prepare."

Kevin Kathman, executive chef of wine country restaurant All Seasons in Calistoga, said $12,000 worth of food at the site would spoil if power isn't restored soon.

Instead of tossing it, he was planning to cook over a fire during a block party for the "stressed out community" that includes winery owners in the middle of grape harvest. The power went out Sunday night and Calistoga remained without electricity Monday, even though Kathman said there was no wind.

"It's a beautiful day," he said. "We are all in disbelief that it's not back on."

PG&E spokeswoman Melissa Subottin said power was also cut to hospitals and other medical providers that are required to have backup power sources. PG&E officials visited 4,400 medical customers in the affected areas to warn them of the possible outages, she said.

In Florida, a slow wait for news on hurricane's death toll

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP)—In Florida, a grim task is unwinding slowly: Finding out many people were killed in Hurricane Michael.

The storm that ravaged Florida's Panhandle left incredible destruction stretching from the Gulf of Mexico to the state border, but so far getting a firm grasp on how many died is proving somewhat elusive.

The state has officially acknowledged just two deaths so far—and one death was in northeast Florida, far from the ground-zero fury of the Category 4 storm.

Meanwhile, search and rescue teams have crawled and walked through thousands of buildings and ruins for days in places like Mexico Beach, which was virtually wiped out when Michael roared ashore last week. The Associated Press has put the overall death toll at 17 so far, including one death in Mexico Beach confirmed by a search and rescue team and six others confirmed by local officials in Florida. In other states, there are 10 confirmed deaths.

"Unfortunately there are going to more fatalities than people want to admit," said State Rep. Halsey Beshears, a Republican whose district includes several of the counties hammered by Michael. "If you stayed in Mexico Beach, there's no way you could have survived. I think more fatalities are going to show up every day."

President Donald Trump is marveling at the hurricane damage he's seen while touring devastated Florida Panhandle communities. (Oct. 15)

Right after the storm hit, Brock Long, the chief of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, said he expected the death toll to rise after hearing reports that some people refused to evacuate before Michael's landfall.

But both Long and Gov. Rick Scott, however, sidestepped questions late Sunday after they returned from an all-day trip to some of the hard-hit communities.

"I'm very hopeful that everybody is going to be found alive and that everybody is going to survive this," Scott said.

Right after the storm, state officials said thousands of calls inquiring about missing people came in to authorities and non-profit groups. FEMA did announce Monday that search and rescue teams along with the Coast Guard and National Guard had rescued or assisted more than 4,000 people in storm-impacted areas and that they had checked on thousands of homes and buildings.

State officials say they will announce storm-related fatalities once they are certified by local medical examiners who have gone through the steps of positively identifying those who died and performing an autopsy to determine the cause of death.

Part of the problem state emergency officials say is that the medical examiner office responsible for certifying deaths in several of the hardest-hit counties was without power or water until Monday.

Plans to bring in a mobile morgue unit were scrapped over the weekend, but state teams did bring in refrigerated trucks to four cities that can be used for both storm victims and to assist funeral homes that have lost power.

Florida officials point out they have used the same process in the past, but this comes amid the political backdrop of what happened in Puerto Rico.

Last month, President Donald Trump tweeted that "3,000 people did not die" in the hurricanes that hit the island last year. He also falsely alleged that the official death toll was part of a plot by Democrats to make him look bad. Republicans in Florida, including Scott, disagreed with Trump and said they said they did not dispute the death toll numbers.

But for some families, the wait is proving to be unbearable.

ACROSS THE NATION

Mega Millions prize up to $654M, 4th largest in US history

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)—After nearly three months without a winner, the Mega Millions lottery game has climbed to an estimated $654 million jackpot. Unfortunately, even as the big prize for Tuesday night's drawing increases to the fourth-largest in U.S. history , the odds of matching all six numbers and winning the game don't improve. They're stuck at a miserable one in 302.5 million. The last time anyone won the jackpot was July 24, when a group from California claimed a $543 million prize. The estimated $654 million jackpot refers to the annuity option, paid out over 29 years. The cash option, which is favored by nearly all winners, is $372 million. Mega Millions is played in 44 states, Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Man convicted of killing neighbor while she cleared snow

GRAND HAVEN, Mich. (AP)—A western Michigan man accused of killing his neighbor while she cleared snow has been found guilty of first-degree murder. Wendell Popejoy is set to be sentenced on Nov. 5. Popejoy faces a mandatory life prison term without the possibility of parole for the killing of Sheila Bonge (BON'-gee). The jury in Ottawa County Circuit Court deliberated nearly three hours Monday before reaching its verdict. Police say Bonge was shot while clearing snow from an easement that she and neighbors used to get to their driveways in Crockery Township. Members of her family found her body under snowfall down a hill behind Popejoy's house. He shot her in the back of the head then pushed her body down the hill on a sled. After his arrest, Popejoy told police the killing was a "snap decision."

Dating site owner to repay $1 million to customers

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)—The company that owns Christian Mingle, Jdate and other online dating sites will pay a $500,000 fine and nearly $1 million in restitution to customers whose subscriptions were automatically renewed or who were denied refunds when requested. The Los Angeles County district attorney's office announced Monday that a task force of local prosecutors found that dating sites owned by Spark Networks USA automatically renewed customer payments without their consent. The company didn't immediately respond to a request for comment. Officials say under the judgment negotiated with Spark Networks, the firm's sites must now clearly disclose renewal terms and allow users to easily cancel their subscriptions. Members of the Auto Renewal Task Force include district attorneys of San Diego, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties.

Asia

China says internment camps are 'free vocational training'

BEIJING (AP)—China is saving ethnic minority Muslims from the lure of religious extremism by teaching them to speak Mandarin and accept modern science, a senior Chinese official said in a report Tuesday, Beijing's latest effort to defend its internment of Muslims against mounting criticism.

Shohrat Zakir, governor of the far west Xinjiang region, described the mass internment of Uighur and Kazakh Muslims as "free vocational training" that also gave people skills to work in factories, according to remarks carried in a report by the official Xinhua News Agency.

Xinjiang, the tense northwestern region where most Uighurs live, has been enveloped in recent years in a vast dragnet of police surveillance that authorities insist is needed to root out separatism and Islamic extremism.

Tuesday's report was a rare public move by a senior Chinese official to detail the ruling Communist Party's vision of what the country's extrajudicial detention of an estimated 1 million ethnic minority Muslims is setting out to achieve.

Key to the party's vision, the Xinhua report showed, was the need for the region's Central Asian ethnic groups to undergo an intensive assimilation in Chinese language, culture and history, and push them to adopt what the party considered a modern, civilized way of life. The region's Turkic-speaking Uighurs (pronounced WEE-gurs) have long resented restrictions placed on their religious practices and complained of meeting widespread discrimination in jobs and access to passports.

Some details in Zakir's depiction of the centers were at odds with accounts provided to The Associated Press by former detainees. They have described being held in camps where they were forced to recite party slogans and renounce their faith.

Omir Bekali, a Xinjiang-born Kazakh citizen, said he was kept in a cell with 40 people inside a heavily guarded facility. Before meals, they were told to chant "Thank the Party! Thank the Motherland!" During daily mandatory classes, they were told that their people were backward before being "liberated" by the party in the 1950s.

Zakir painted a far different picture, saying that "trainees" were immersed in athletic and cultural activities. While they were previously mired in poverty, Zakir said, the training put them on the path toward a "modern life" and made them "confident about the future."

The report comes as China has ramped up propaganda efforts to defend its measures in Xinjiang following growing criticism from Western countries and international human rights groups. The new U.N. human rights chief, Michelle Bachelet, said last month that monitors should be allowed into the region, and calls have been made in the U.S. Congress for sanctions on some Chinese officials.

AP

In this March 12, 2017, file photo, Shohrat Zakir, chairman of the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, speaks on the sideline of the National People's Congress in Beijing, China.

Koreas, US-led UN Command discuss disarming border area

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—The rival Koreas and the U.S.-led United Nations Command were meeting Tuesday to discuss efforts to disarm a military zone the rivals control within their shared border under a peace agreement between the Koreas.

South Korea's Defense Ministry said the talks at the Panmunjom border village mark the first meeting between the Koreas and the U.N. Command to discuss ways to demilitarize the village's Joint Security Area.

The Korean militaries in past weeks have been clearing mines from the area following a broad agreement meant to reduce military tensions that was forged between North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and South Korean President Moon Jae-in in their summit last month.

The Koreas plan to withdraw guard posts and firearms from the Joint Security Area once the demining is complete.

Further details from Tuesday's meeting weren't immediately available.

The military agreement between the Koreas also calls for the creation of buffer zones along their land and sea boundaries, a no-fly zone above the border and the removal of 11 front-line guard posts by December.

Moon has said the military agreement is an important trust-building step that will reduce border tension and create diplomatic space without negatively impacting the South's defense readiness.

Some military experts say South Korea is at risk of conceding some of its conventional military strength before the North takes any material steps toward giving up its nuclear weapons program, the goal of global diplomatic efforts.

The Joint Security Area is overseen by the U.N. Command and by North Korea, with South Korean and North Korean border guards facing each other only meters (yards) apart. It is located inside the 4-kilometer-wide (2 1/2-mile-wide) Demilitarized Zone, which is a heavily-fortified zone that has formed the de facto border between the Koreas since the 1950-53 Korean War.

The Joint Security Area has been used for diplomatic engagements but was also a site of occasional bloodshed during the Cold War, including the killing of two American army officers by ax-wielding North Korean soldiers in 1976. It was also where a defecting North Korean soldier fled south last year in a hail of bullets fired by his former comrades.

Recovery of Nepal climbers delayed by mountain's remoteness

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP)—Rescuers hampered by difficult, remote terrain took two days to recover the bodies of nine climbers, including one of the world's best, who hoped to map a new route to a Himalayan peak in Nepal that hasn't been scaled in eight years.

Local police chief Bir Bahadur Budamagar said a group of villagers reached the climbers' devastated campsite on Saturday on Gurja Himal, a less-popular but pristine mountain in the shadow of Dhaulagiri, the world's seventh-highest peak and a day's walk from the nearest village.

The climbers included Kim Chang-ho, the first South Korean to summit all 14 Himalayan peaks over 8,000 meters (26,250 feet) without using supplemental oxygen, who was leading the expedition with four other South Koreans and four Nepalese guides.

A sixth Korean climber had become ill and was in a village far below the base camp during the storm. When the members of the expedition team broke radio contact and went silent, the climber, who has not been identified, called Wangchu Sherpa's Trekking Camp Nepal agency in Kathmandu, which equipped and organized the expedition. The agency, in turn, called Global Rescue, a Boston-based travel risk company insuring four of the Korean climbers, notifying them of suspected fatalities on the mountain, according to the firm's chief executive, Dan Richards.

Though the climbers had planned to summit a new route on a challenging mountain, Sherpa said he didn't have any particular reason to be concerned. It wasn't one of Nepal's giant peaks, and since achieving his record summit in 2013, Kim had been concentrating on climbing routes that hadn't been tried before, Sherpa said.

Wangchu Sherpa of the Trekking Camp Nepal agency in Kathmandu, which equipped and organized the expedition, said since achieving the feat in 2013, Kim had been concentrating on climbing routes that hadn't been tried before.

Nepal offers hundreds of mountains to climb, and mountaineers generally choose those where the routes and conditions are well known.

Only 30 climbers have ever reached the peak of the 7,193-meter (23,590-foot) Gurja Himal, government tourism director Surendra Thapa said, and Kim was not among them.

Many climbers are discouraged from the mountain at least in part because of a legal requirement to have at least three trained Nepalese guides along to receive a permit, Thapa said.

"These people like to go to mountains which are not crowded and there are no commercially organized expeditions of big groups. On the bad side, they are also far from getting help when in trouble," said Jiban Ghimire, who organizes expeditions for the Kathmandu-based company Shangrila Nepal Trek.

The damage to the climbers' bodies, including broken limbs and smashed skulls, indicated a violent wind carrying chunks of ice swept them away from their camp site, Budamagar said. The bodies were found spread in a 1.5-kilometer (1-mile) radius.

"The battered pieces and tents and other equipment were scattered even further away," Budamagar said.

The bodies of Kim and four other South Koreans who were killed will arrive in South Korea on Wednesday, according to an official from South Korea's Corean Alpine Club.

Rescuers retrieved the climbers' bodies on Sunday after the weather cleared. The body of one of the guides was taken to his village, while the eight others were flown to Kathmandu.

"It was the worst mountaineering disaster in Nepal in recent years and an unimaginable one," said Rameshwor Niraula of Nepal's Mountaineering Department, which issues climbing permits and monitors expeditions.

Niraula said officials were still gathering details of what exactly happened, but from what rescuers described, the climbers were blown over by the blast of the blizzard-like wind conditions.

World

Irish border dispute looms large over the UK-EU Brexit talks

LUXEMBOURG (AP)—The moods in Britain and the European Union swung between hope and gloom on Monday over an intractable dispute about the Irish border—shifts that came only two days ahead of a summit once seen as the last moment to reach a deal on Britain's divorce from the bloc.

After a flurry of weekend meetings had raised expectations for a Brexit agreement only to dash them again, EU and British leaders sought to keep alive the possibility that Wednesday's summit could see a Brexit breakthrough, despite their conflicting stances.

After a year and a half of talks aimed at a smooth breakup, both sides were still dogged by the same issue—how to ensure that no hard border is created between the EU's Ireland and Britain's Northern Ireland once Brexit happens on March 29.

EU Council president and summit host Donald Tusk searched for a positive outlook.

He used a quote saying "It always seems impossible until it's done" before adding himself "let us not give up." At the same time, he acknowledged that a breakup with no rules in place "is more likely than ever before."

Despite a failed meeting Sunday between the two sides' Brexit negotiators, British Prime Minister Theresa May told the House of Commons in London on Monday that "I do not believe the EU and the UK are far apart."

Yet a chasm remains over a solution for the Irish border.

The EU wants Northern Ireland to stay in its customs union to avoid a hard, policed land border between it and Ireland. But May says that would create "a border in the Irish Sea" between two parts of the United Kingdom—a scenario that she and Britain will not accept.

Britain is proposing instead to keep all of the U.K. in a customs union with the bloc—but only temporarily. Tying Britain to the EU on customs would limit the U.K.'s power to strike new trade deals around the world—a key goal of those who voted to leave the EU.

"I need to be able to look the British people in the eye and say this 'backstop' is a temporary solution," May told the lawmakers.

Insisting that a Brexit divorce deal was "achievable," May said the border dispute should not "derail the prospects of a good deal and leave us with the no-deal outcome that no one wants."

May is under intense pressure from her Conservative Party and its parliamentary allies not to give any more ground in Brexit negotiations.

May's political allies in Northern Ireland, the Democratic Unionist Party, stand ready to scuttle a Brexit deal over the Irish border issue. DUP Brexit spokesman Sammy Wilson said "it is probably inevitable that we will end up with a no-deal scenario" over Brexit.

Many fear that any return to customs checks and other controls on the Ireland-Northern Ireland border could revive tensions between Northern Ireland's Irish Catholic community and its British Protestant one. More than 3,700 people were killed in Northern Ireland amid 30 years of violence between the two groups and Britain before a 1998 peace deal.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MICHAEL CONNOLLY
IN LOVING MEMORY OF LAWRENCE
ALSO HIS WIFE BRIDGET
THEIR GRANDDAUGHTER PAULINE
THEIR SON BERNARD
ALSO HIS WIFE MONICA

AP

In this photo taken on Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018, an Irish flag flies over the graves in a cemetery in Carrickcarnan, Ireland, just next to the the Jonesborough Parish located in Northern Ireland.

Top US diplomat heads to Saudi Arabia over Khashoggi

ISTANBUL (AP)—A Turkish forensics teams finished a search for evidence in the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul early Tuesday morning over the disappearance and alleged slaying of Saudi writer Jamal Khashoggi, as reports circulated that the kingdom may concede the killing took place there.

Technicians in coveralls, gloves and covered shoes treated the consulate, where Khashoggi vanished two weeks ago, as a crime scene during their hourslong search. It wasn't immediately clear what evidence they gathered.

President Donald Trump, after speaking with Saudi King Salman, dispatched Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to speak to the monarch of the world's top oil exporter over Khashoggi's disappearance. Trump himself said without offering evidence that the slaying could have been carried out by "rogue killers," offering the U.S.-allied kingdom a possible path out of a global diplomatic firestorm.

However, left unsaid was the fact that any decision in the ultraconservative kingdom rests solely with the ruling Al Saud family. Noticeably absent from discussions was Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, whom Khashoggi wrote critically about for The Washington Post and whose rise to power prompted the writer to go into a self-imposed exile in the U.S.

"The effort behind the scenes is focused on avoiding a diplomatic crisis between the two countries and has succeeded in finding a pathway to deescalate tensions," said Ayham Kamel, the head of the Eurasia Group's Mideast and North African practice. "Riyadh will have to provide some explanation of the journalist's disappearance, but in a manner that distances the leadership from any claim that a decision was made at senior levels to assassinate the prominent journalist."

CNN reported that the Saudis were going to admit the killing had occurred but deny the king or crown prince had ordered it — which does not match what analysts and experts know about the kingdom's inner workings.

The New York Times reported that the Saudi royal court would suggest that an official within the kingdom's intelligence services — a friend of Prince Mohammed — had carried out the killing. According to that reported claim, the crown prince had approved an interrogation or rendition of Khashoggi back to Saudi Arabia, but the intelligence official was tragically incompetent as he eagerly sought to prove himself. Both reports cited anonymous people said to be familiar with the Saudi plans.

Saudi officials have not answered repeated requests for comment over recent days from The Associated Press. Pompeo was due to arrive in the kingdom on Tuesday morning for his meeting with the king.

What evidence Turkish officials could gather at the consulate remained unknown. Saudi officials have been in and out of the building since Khashoggi's disappearance Oct. 2 without being stopped. Under the Vienna Convention, diplomatic posts are technically foreign soil that must be protected and respected by host countries.

Earlier Monday, a cleaning crew with mops, trash bags and what appeared to be bottles of bleach walked in past waiting journalists.

Forensics tests like spraying luminol, a chemical mixture, can expose blood left behind, said Mechthild Prinz, an associate professor at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice who previously worked at the New York City's Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

"It depends on how well they cleaned it up," Prinz told The Associated Press. "Obviously, you don't want anybody to have a chance to clean it up, but very often people do miss blood."

Told that a cleaning crew walked into the consulate before the team arrived, she said: "You saw that? Wow. That's going to be a problem."

WORLD BRIEFS

Amnesty rights worker is abducted, beaten in southern Russia

MOSCOW (AP)—An Amnesty International researcher was abducted and beaten while reporting on protests in Russia's volatile North Caucasus region, the rights group said Monday. Researcher Oleg Kozlovsky was in Ingushetia's regional capital of Magas this month to monitor protests against a hotly-debated land swap between the southern Russian regions of Ingushetia and Chechnya when he was approached by men who told him they were protest organizers and promised him an interview. But then, in a car out in the countryside, the men said they were from Ingushetia's anti-extremist unit and threatened to kill him unless he agreed to cooperate, Amnesty said in a statement. It said the men took him to a field, stripped him naked and performed a mock execution, putting a gun to his head. "When they couldn't get anything out of me, they began to threaten me so that I wouldn't speak about anything about what happened to me and threated to kill my children," he said on Twitter. Kozlovsky said he agreed to do that and was released after that.

Report: Ecuador tells Assange to curb speech, look after cat

LONDON (AP)—Ecuador has formally ordered Julian Assange to steer clear of topics that could harm its diplomatic interests if he wants to be reconnected to the internet, according to a memo published in a local media outlet Monday. The nine-page memo published by Ecuadorean website Codigo Vidrio said Assange is prohibited from "interfering in the internal affairs of other states" or from activities "that could prejudice Ecuador's good relations with other states." There was no indication Assange signed onto the memo, which governs the WikiLeaks founder's access to the Wi-Fi network of the Ecuadoran Embassy in London, where he lived since seeking asylum there in 2012. The Associated Press could not immediately authenticate the document. But Codigo Vidrio has a track record of publishing inside material from the London embassy, and the restrictions detailed in the memo echo the conditions Ecuadorean President Lenin Moreno recently described in an interview with AP . Messages left with Ecuador's Foreign Ministry and WikiLeaks representatives were not immediately returned. Tension has been long building between Assange and his hosts, particularly after the Australian ex-hacker began cheering on Catalonian secessionists in Spain last year. In March, Ecuador announced it was restricting Assange's access to the internet.

Focus

The Amazon of its day, Sears' woes were years in the making

By ALLEN G. BREED and ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
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From its beginnings as a mail-order watch business in Minneapolis 132 years ago, the company grew to become America's everything-under-one-roof store and the biggest retailer in the world.

For generations of Americans, the brick-like Sears, Roebuck and Co. catalog was a fixture in just about every house — a miscellany of toys and clothes and furnishings and hardware that induced longing for this or that dream purchase. The Sears brand loomed as large over the corporate landscape as its 108-story basalt-like headquarters did over the Chicago skyline.

"It was the Amazon of its day," said Mark Cohen, a professor of retailing at Columbia University and a former Sears executive.

But how the mighty have fallen: Plagued by falling sales and heavy debt, Sears filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization Monday and announced plans to close 142 of its roughly 700 remaining stores and eliminate thousands of jobs in a bid to stay afloat, if only for a while.

Analysts have their doubts it will survive.

"In our view, too much rot has set in at Sears to make it (a) viable business," Neil Saunders, managing director of GlobalData Retail, said in a note to investors.

Its bankruptcy was years in the making. Sears diversified too much. It kept cutting costs and let its stores become fusty in the face of increasing competition from the likes of Walmart and Target. And though it expanded onto the Internet, it was no match for Amazon.

"In point of fact," Cohen said, "they've been dead for a very long time."

In its bankruptcy filing, Sears Holdings, which operates both Sears and Kmart stores, listed assets of $1 billion to $10 billion and liabilities of $10 billion to $50 billion. It said it has lined up $300 million in financing from banks to keep operating and is negotiating an additional $300 million loan.

The company once had around 350,000 employees; as of Monday's filing, it was down to 68,000. At its peak, it had 4,000 stores in 2012; it will now be left with a little more than 500.

Sears was born in 1886, when Richard W. Sears began selling watches to supplement his income as a railroad station agent in North Redwood, Minnesota. By the next year, he had opened his first store in Chicago and had hired a watchmaker named Alvah C. Roebuck.

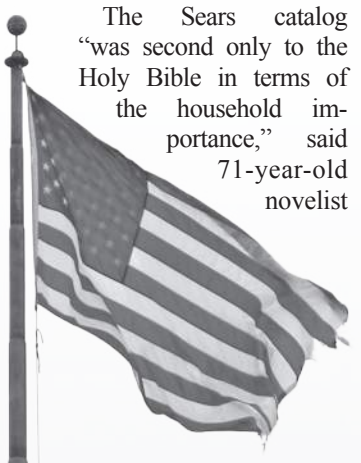
The company published its first mail-order catalog in 1888. Together with companies like Montgomery Ward and J.C. Penney, Sears helped bring American consumer culture to middle America.

"It's hard to imagine now how isolating it was to live in a small town 100 years ago, 120 years ago," said Marc Levinson, author of "The Great A&P and the Struggle for Small Business in America." ''Back before the days of cars, people might have a ride of several days in a horse and buggy just to get to the nearest train railhead, nearest train station."

"What Sears did was make big-city merchandise available to people in small towns," he said.

There was a time when you could find just about anything for your house in the Sears catalog — including a house. Between 1908 and 1940, the company sold about 75,000 build-from-a-kit houses, many of which are still standing.

Sears' offerings could cover you from cradle to grave: It even sold tombstones. In between, there was everything from girdles to socket wrenches, dresses to guns, dolls to washing machines.



The Sears catalog "was second only to the Holy Bible in terms of the household importance," said 71-year-old novelist Allan Gurganus, author of "The Last Confederate Widow Tells All." He grew up in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, and recalls the way tenants on his grandfather's farm loved the catalog.

When the new one would arrive, Gurganus said, the old one was consigned to the outhouse as reading material and, well, toilet paper. He said they always started at the back of the book when pulling out pages.

"That's where the least important parts are — the plumbing fixtures and so forth," he said with a laugh. "I was especially interested in the underwear ads."

Gurganus uses the catalog as a research tool for his novels. A 1917 edition occupies his bedside table. He still has the six-string Silvertone guitar he ordered in 1963.

For generations, Sears was an innovator in practically every area, including home delivery, product-testing laboratories and employee profit-sharing. When post-World War II prosperity led to the growth of suburbia, Sears was well-positioned to cash in on another major development — the shopping mall.

By the late 1960s, Sears was the world's largest retailer. In 1975, it completed the black Sears Tower, which at 1,450 feet (442 meters) was the world's tallest skyscraper for 25 years.

Between 1981 and 1985, the company went on a spending spree, acquiring the stock brokerage Dean Witter Reynolds and the real estate company Coldwell, Banker. It launched the Discover credit card nationwide.

"They diverted all of their retail cash flow into other enterprises," Cohen said. "And the retail business had come apart at the seams."

Sears eventually got rid of those businesses. And to save money and generate capital, it sold off some of its most familiar brands, Craftsman and Die-Hard among them. In 1993, it killed the general merchandise catalog. Not long thereafter, its sold its skyscraper.

Sears introduced its popular "Come see the softer side of Sears" ad campaign in 1993 and had a turnaround starting in the mid- to late 1990s, but it didn't last long.

Hedge fund manager Eddie Lampert bought the company in 2005 and created Sears Holdings Corp. He began cutting expenses and selling off real estate, but the hemorrhaging continued.

Retail historian Vicki Howard, author of "From Main Street to Mall: The Rise and Fall of the American Department Store," said Sears was too slow to adapt as consumers drifted away from the malls and more toward online shopping and big-box stores farther out in the suburbs.

Levinson said that for too long, Sears catered to "a broad middle market" and failed to change with the times.

"There are a lot of stores specializing in particular parts of the market, and no longer very many stores that are seeking to serve everyone," he said. "And so Sears was stuck there in the middle at a time when the market was fragmenting."

Eventually, Cohen said, Sears will disappear.

"It's an American tragedy," he said. "It did not have to be this way."

AP
An American flag flies above a Sears department store sign in Hackensack, N.J., Monday, Oct. 15, 2018. Sears filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection Monday, buckling under its massive debt load and staggering losses.

Good Housekeeping

Early Wonder camellia shakes the gardening world

By NORMAN WINTER
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At 'The Garden Guy's' house a couple of Camellia sasanquas have started showing a little color while at the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens in Savannah they are already claiming the first Camellia japonica of the year. This is amazing because the Camellia japonica is normally a late winter and early spring bloomer.

Early Wonder is a most appropriate name as it does shake the foundation of all you think you knew about Camellia japonicas, from when they bloom to how long they bloom. Take it from someone who was the Director of that botanical garden with over 1,000 camellias. Can you imagine a beautiful rose pink formal double camellia starting bloom in late September and continuing through December?

That was the sequence every year at the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens in Savannah. Like all digital cameras mine too documents the date of photographs and I have photos of Early Autumn taken the last week of September. Did you notice that this time I am referring to it as Early Autumn?

That is possibly the name you might find at some nurseries. Never have I been more frustrated with the green industry and what travails it took a regular gardener to locate a source. This is a stunning and amazing shrub that the world needs yet it was like searching for a four-leafed clover.

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Early Wonder is a true formal double Camellia japonica and is recommended for zones 7-9.

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Early Wonder is the earliest blooming Camellia japonica.

The Southern Living Plant Collection has come in on the proverbial 'white horse' rescue and has added this camellia to their dynamic group of plants under their new name Early Wonder. Now hopefully everyone can take this stunning Camellia japonica out of the pit of obscurity.

How many Zone 7 gardeners, have had their Camellia japonica blossoms toasted by freezes in March or April. You may have even thought that C. japonicas weren't for you. With Early Wonder however you'll be enjoying those dazzling formal double flowers for weeks on end in the fall.

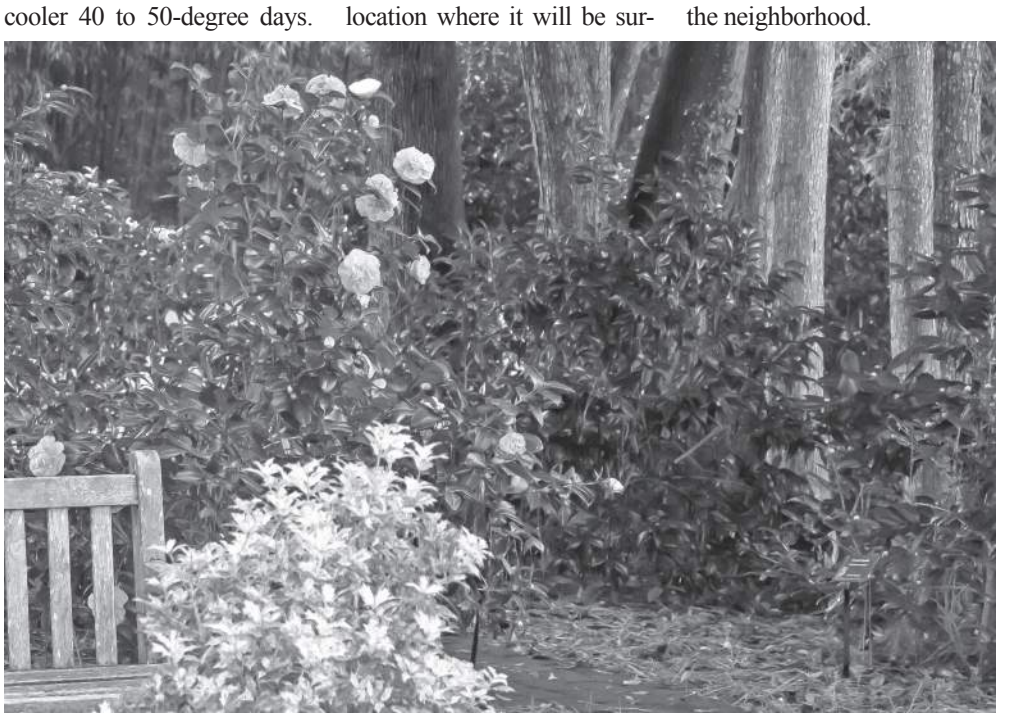
Early Wonder is recommended for zones 7-10 and is cold hardy to zero. Like all other camellias, they require acid soil and perform best in woodland landscapes with high filtered light. October is one of the best months for planting woody shrubs and trees and by all means camellias like Early Wonder. By planting now, we open the door for root growth to increase dramatically before next spring.

Even though top growth may have ceased, roots will continue to develop in the cooler 40 to 50-degree days. When new leaf growth resumes in the spring, the root system will already be established and able to supply the plant's requirements. In fact, research indicates that planting now will give your plants almost a full growing season's advantage over those planted next spring.

One thing I try to stress in my seminars is to put not only camellias but-all shrubs in a bed. Just as we prepare a bed to sleep in at night, we must prepare a bed for the life of our shrubs. It only makes sense that if we are going to make an investment in the landscape, we need to do it right. It is so sad to see a fine camellia, like Early Wonder placed in a location where it will be surrounded by turf.

Early Wonder would also make an excellent container plant that could be moved to allow for cold winter protection. The American Camellia Society has great tips for growing containerized camellias.

Garden centers have fresh stock and most have certified nursery workers available to assist you in a season that is much less stressed and rushed. Ask to see if they have Early Wonder Camellia japonicas or if they will get some for you. Tell them it is part of the Southern Living Plant Collection. They will know how to immediately source the plant, and you'll soon be the envy of the neighborhood.



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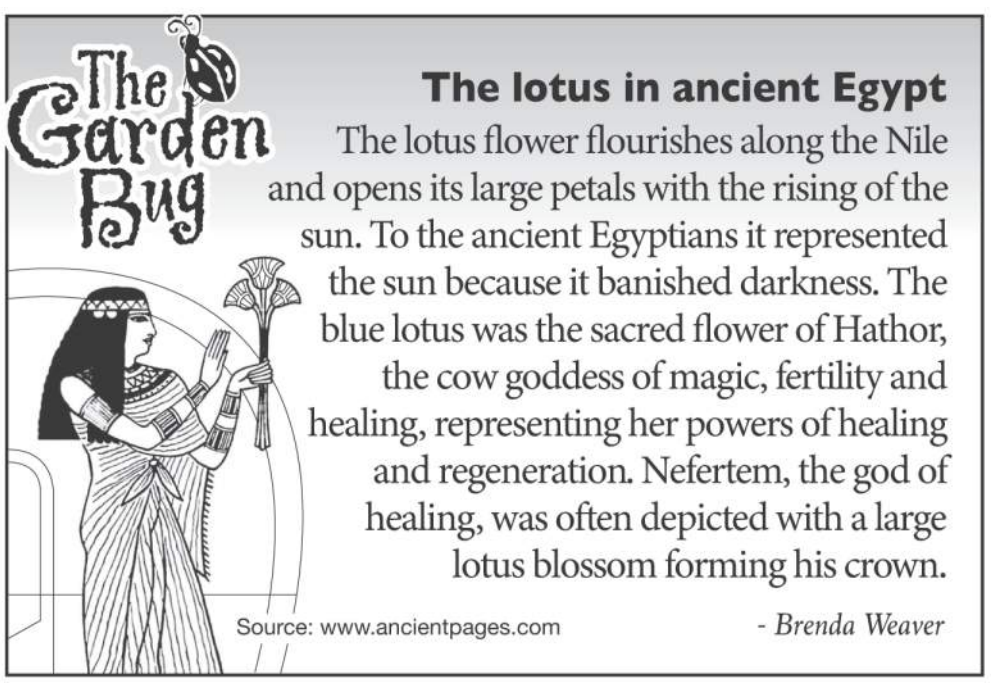
Early Wonder Camellia japonica also sold as Early Autumn, begins blooming in late September or early October finishing in December or early January.


The Garden Bug
The lotus in ancient Egypt
The lotus flower flourishes along the Nile and opens its large petals with the rising of the sun. To the ancient Egyptians it represented the sun because it banished darkness. The blue lotus was the sacred flower of Hathor, the cow goddess of magic, fertility and healing, representing her powers of healing and regeneration. Nefertem, the god of healing, was often depicted with a large lotus blossom forming his crown.
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Life & Style

Groups fighting sexual violence awarded #MeToo funding

NEW YORK (AP)—Eight groups across the nation have been awarded funding from the New York Women's Foundation for their efforts to fight sexual violence.

The groups, chosen in consultation with #MeToo founder Tarana Burke, are focused on marginalized and underserved communities, including immigrant communities and communities of color as well as LGBTQ people, the foundation says.

The money—$840,000—comes from the "Fund for the MeToo Movement and Allies," set up by The New York Women's Foundation earlier this year. The group provided an initial $1 million for a fund to support Burke and the movement she founded 12 years ago, along with other similar organizations, with a goal of raising $5 million a year.

The eight groups range from the DC Rape Crisis center in Washington, to the Black Emotional and Mental Health Collective in Los Angeles, to the Firecracker Foundation in Lansing, Michigan, which works with teens and children who've survived sexual abuse.

It also includes "me too.," as Burke's Brooklyn-based group is called. The organization has been working on a new digital community to help survivors of sexual violence, as well as on-the-ground programming including healing circles, and what Burke calls "training the trainers"—preparing counselors to go out into communities across the country.

Other groups in the first round of funding include Black Women's Blueprint and the Violence Intervention Program, both in New York; Equality Labs, a national group; and the Los Angeles-based FreeFrom, which works with survivors of domestic violence.

"This is about supporting the people who support the people," Burke said in an interview. She noted that the grants come as the broader #MeToo movement, launched by the explosive Harvey Weinstein allegations, marks its one-year anniversary.

"As we reach the anniversary, it's really clear that so many people don't understand the priorities of the movement, and the needs of both the people who have said 'me too' and the people who support them."

Contestants accuse Mrs. America pageant CEO of racial bias

NEW YORK (AP)—Four contestants in this year's Mrs. America pageant on Monday called for the pageant's CEO to apologize over accusations he used racial slurs and stereotypes in a conversation at a contest-related event.

The four women, three African-American and one white, spoke at a news conference in Manhattan with lawyer Gloria Allred, accusing David Marmel of using racially biased language in Las Vegas in August.

Allred said that while her clients don't intend to file a lawsuit, but they do want Marmel to apologize and implement an action plan including sensitivity training.

"They have decided that it would be wrong to stay silent about this matter," Allred said. "They feel it is their duty to share what they allege was their experience, because they do not want next year's contestants to be subjected to what they consider to be racially offensive and demeaning comments which have hurt them and caused them so much pain."

The women said at a pre-competition party, Marmel sat down with a group of four African American contestants, including the three who spoke Monday. The white contestant was also in the room but behind Marmel, they said.

They said he began talking about what he had done for black people, including developing a program recognizing African-American achievements. But they said he also made negative comments about NFL players who knelt during the national anthem, as well as statements saying black women need to stop having so many babies with multiple fathers and that those men were drug dealers and in jail.

The four contestants in this year's Mrs. America pageant are calling for an apology from the pageant's owner over accusations he used racial slurs and stereotypes in a conversation, pose for photos, in New York, Monday, Oct. 15, 2018. They are, from left: Mrs. Delaware America Kimberly Phillips, Mrs. New Jersey America Crissy Timpson, attorney Gloria Allred, Mrs. Missouri Brandy Palacios, and Mrs. Ohio America Jeri Ward. AP

Court tosses DeLorean widow's 'Back to the Future' lawsuit

NEWARK, N.J. (AP)—A federal court has dismissed a lawsuit brought by the widow of automaker John DeLorean over royalties stemming from the "Back to the Future" movies.

Sally DeLorean claimed a Texas company using the DeLorean name had illegally accepted royalties from Universal Pictures for the promotional use of images of the iconic car. But a judge ruled Friday that a 2015 settlement agreement in a separate lawsuit over trademarks prohibited her from suing for the royalties.

The sleek, angular car with gull-wing doors was featured in the movie franchise starring Michael J. Fox about a kid who travels back in time to engineer his parents' meeting.

In her lawsuit filed in April, Sally DeLorean, who lives in New Jersey, claimed the Texas-based DeLorean Motor Co. had illegally profited from a 1989 agreement between her late husband and Universal. That agreement gave John DeLorean and his heirs 5 percent of net receipts for any merchandising and promotions that featured the car and logo "as a key component."

The Texas company isn't affiliated with the one John DeLorean started, but under the 2015 settlement agreement was allowed to use the DeLorean name and trademarks.

Sally DeLorean claimed in the current lawsuit that the Texas company had illegally represented to Universal that it had the right to the royalties and had already received "a substantial payment" from Universal. She argued in the lawsuit that the 2015 settlement didn't transfer contractual rights to the company.

In his opinion, U.S. District Judge Jose Linares wrote that the 2015 settlement agreement covers the Universal agreement even though it doesn't mention it explicitly.

"As both agreements apply to the use of the word 'DeLorean' and the DMC logo, and relate to the DeLorean automobile's image, the Court concludes that the subject matter of the agreements overlap," he wrote.

Attorneys for the two sides didn't respond to requests for comment Monday.

John Z. DeLorean left General Motors in the 1970s to start his own company and eventually produced the distinctive DMC 12, which became known simply as "the DeLorean."

Judge tosses Stormy Daniels' defamation suit against Trump

WASHINGTON (AP)—A federal judge dismissed Stormy Daniels' defamation lawsuit against President Donald Trump on Monday, saying the president made a "hyperbolic statement" against a political adversary when he tweeted about a composite sketch the porn actress' lawyer released.

Daniels

Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, sued Trump in April after he said a composite sketch of a man she said threatened her in 2011 to keep quiet about an alleged affair with the real estate mogul was a "con job."

Trump tweeted that the man was "nonexistent" and that Daniels was playing the "fake news media for fools." He retweeted a side-by-side photo comparing the sketch with a photo of Daniels' husband.

In an order handed down Monday, U.S. District Judge S. James Otero said Trump's statement was protected speech under the First Amendment.

"If this Court were to prevent Mr. Trump from engaging in this type of 'rhetorical hyperbole' against a political adversary, it would significantly hamper the office of the President," the judge wrote. "Any strongly worded response by a president to another politician or public figure could constitute an action for defamation. This would deprive this country of the 'discourse' common to the political process."

Daniels' attorney, Michael Avenatti, vowed to appeal the decision and said he was confident it would be reversed.

"There is something really rich in Trump relying on the First Amendment to justify defaming a woman," Avenatti said.

But the president's lawyer immediately hailed the ruling as a "total victory" for Trump.

"No amount of spin or commentary by Stormy Daniels or her lawyer, Mr. Avenatti, can truthfully characterize today's ruling in any way other than total victory for President Trump and total defeat for Stormy Daniels," Trump's attorney, Charles Harder, said in a statement.

The judge's ruling also entitles Trump to collect attorneys' fees from Daniels, but the amount that Daniels would need to pay will be determined later, Harder said.

The defamation claim is separate from another lawsuit that Daniels filed against Trump, which is continuing. Daniels was paid $130,000 as part of a nondisclosure agreement signed days before the 2016 election and is suing to dissolve that contract. Daniels has argued the agreement should be invalidated because Trump's then-personal lawyer and fixer, Michael Cohen, signed it, but Trump did not.

Baldwin urges 'overthrow' of Trump government via voting

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP)—Actor Alec Baldwin followed up his latest parody portrayal of President Donald Trump with a serious call Sunday night for voters to use the Nov. 6 midterm elections to peacefully "overthrow" the government.

After reprising his role as Trump on "Saturday Night Live," Baldwin flew to New Hampshire, where he was the keynote speaker at the New Hampshire Democratic Party's annual fall fundraising dinner.

"The way we implement change in America is through elections. We change governments here at home in an orderly and formal way," he said. "In that orderly and formal way and lawful way, we need to overthrow the government of the United States under Donald Trump."

The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment Sunday night.

Baldwin said on issue after issue, Republicans are destroyers, not builders.

"There is a small cadre of people currently in power who are hell-bent on continuing a malicious immigration policy that has set this country up for human rights violations charges by the global community. This cadre has looted money from the federal treasury and deposited it directly into the bank accounts of their most ardent political supporters," he said.

Baldwin

He said Republicans "shrug" when it comes to gun violence, "spit in the face" at the rest of the world at the notion of changing outdated energy policies and offer neither hope nor solutions to people of color "who seek a decent seat at the American economic table but instead are issued a prison term, or worse, a bullet."

The recent confirmation of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh showed that Republicans view women as undeserving as the same constitutional protections as men, Baldwin said.

"They themselves are sons, husbands, fathers, and yet when the time arrived in the thick of the #metoo movement to set politics aside and establish that women's rights were more important than political expediency, they failed and it was ugly," he said.

Several of the political leaders and candidates who spoke before Baldwin praised survivors of sexual assault who were moved to tell their stories during Kavanaugh's confirmation hearing, saying they should inspire others to speak up and advocate for issues they care about.

"People raising their voices and sharing their experiences is what has been critical for our democracy and our capacity to move forward throughout our history," U.S. Sen. Maggie Hassan said. "As difficult as the Kavanaugh battle was, those moments have been incredibly important and will continue to be as we move forward."

Congressional candidate Chris Pappas echoed that sentiment.

"If we're not hoarse by the time the election rolls around, we're not doing our jobs or we're not paying attention," he said. "It's about raising our voices and what we're all about as a country."

Kanye West meets Uganda's president, gifts pair of sneakers

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP)—Kanye West handed Uganda's president a pair of his autographed sneakers on Monday during a visit to the East African nation in which the rapper is said to be recording music in a tent.

The 74-year-old President Yoweri Museveni said he and West held "fruitful discussions" about promoting tourism and arts. He also gave West and his wife, reality TV star Kim Kardashian West, "Ugandan" names, the State House said in a Facebook post.

West

The couple has been vacationing in a national park in Uganda while excited tourism officials see the visit as an endorsement of the country's tourism potential.

While Uganda's presidency released photos of a hoodie-wearing West meeting Museveni at the State House, some Ugandans wryly pointed out that the president cracked down on hoodies earlier this year, saying motorcycle riders could no longer wear them in a bid to fight rising crime.

Museveni, one of Africa's longest-serving leaders, has been at the center of unrest in recent weeks after a local pop star-turned-opposition lawmaker, Bobi Wine, alleged torture by security forces. The government denies it.

And baby makes three: Prince Harry and Meghan's child on way

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—They both wanted children. They knew it was time. Meghan had ended her acting career and moved to Britain to be a full-time royal. Prince Harry had stepped down from the military and wanted to settle down.

Their marriage was a five-star glamour blowout: the spectacular Windsor Castle setting, the horse-drawn carriage on a warm spring day, the vintage Jaguar with the top down, the Hollywood A-listers mixing with real-life royalty.

And now comes the very welcome word that Harry and Meghan, the duchess of Sussex, are expecting their first child in the spring. It is the perfect coda to a May wedding that sent a very clear signal that a new generation of royals is coming to the fore even as Queen Elizabeth II continues her historic reign.

The highly anticipated pregnancy was announced Monday just hours after Harry and the former Meghan Markle arrived in Sydney, Australia, at the start of a demanding 16-day visit that also includes Fiji, Tonga and New Zealand.

Word spread instantly: International visitors gathered outside Buckingham Palace for the Changing of the Guard ceremony felt they were partaking of royal history.

"It's wonderful," said 29-year-old Canadian tourist Braden Fraser. "I was happy about the first couple of marriages and the children coming. I'm glad to see the monarchy is carrying on. Back home we love them, so I'm glad to be here as it's happening."

It's hard to overestimate how popular Harry and Meghan have become.

The 34-year-old prince holds a special place in Britons' hearts as one of the two children of the late Princess Diana. He had a bad boy phase—don't even ask about the naked billiards game in a Las Vegas hotel suite—but redeemed himself with years of military service and a devotion to helping injured veterans.

Harry gained even more respect last year by talking candidly about his struggle with mental health issues related to losing his mother to a car crash when he was only 12. No royal had ever publicly acknowledged this kind of frailty, and his willingness to do so in a bid to end the stigma surrounding mental illness only raised his stature with the public.

Enter Meghan Markle, who represented a clean break from the royal mold. She was not British. She was an American TV actress. She was divorced, older than Harry and her mother is African-American.

She captivated Britain. There was an ease to her confident smile, and contagious excitement about moving across the Atlantic and joining the royal family.

Meghan, 37, is seen as a modernizing influence on the at times stodgy royal family, and she is credited by many with bringing happiness to Harry.

There are parallels between her life and that of Princess Grace, another American who left a successful Hollywood career to marry Prince Rainier of Monaco and start a royal family.

When Harry and Meghan got engaged, he was asked about plans for children.

"You know, I think one step at a time, and hopefully we'll start a family in the near future," he said.

Meghan has also talked about wanting to have children.

"I can't wait to start a family, but in due time," she said in 2016, when she was still starring in the TV legal drama "Suits."

Britain's Prince Harry and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex are shown yellow bellied glider during a visit to Taronga Zoo in Sydney, Australia, Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2018. Prince Harry and his wife Meghan are on a 16-day tour of Australia and the South Pacific. AP

Prince Harry and Meghan start Aussie tour with baby gifts

SYDNEY (AP)—A beaming Duke and Duchess of Sussex thrilled thousands of fans outside the Sydney Opera House on Tuesday during their first meeting with the general public since the former Meghan Markle's newly announced pregnancy.

Prince Harry and Meghan spent longer than the 20 minutes allocated in their schedule to speak to and shake hands with as many well-wishers as possible. Meghan, wearing a beige trench coat over a sleeveless cream dress by Australian designer Karen Gee, accepted cards and flowers from an enthusiastic crowd.

The news of the pregnancy was announced after the couple arrived in Sydney on Monday and 15 hours before their first public appearance. The two are on a 16-day tour of Australia, Fiji, Tonga and New Zealand that their Kensington Palace staff said would not be altered despite confirmation that the American former actress is pregnant.

Among those taken by surprise by the announcement were their Sydney hosts, Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove and Lady Lynne Cosgrove. The governor-general, who represents Queen Elizabeth II, Australia's head of state and Harry's grandmother, sent staff to hastily buy a toy kangaroo with a joey in its pouch and a tiny pair of Australian sheep skin boots for their pregnant guest.

"Here's your first gift for the nursery," the governor-general told the couple during a welcome ceremony at his official residence, Admiralty House.

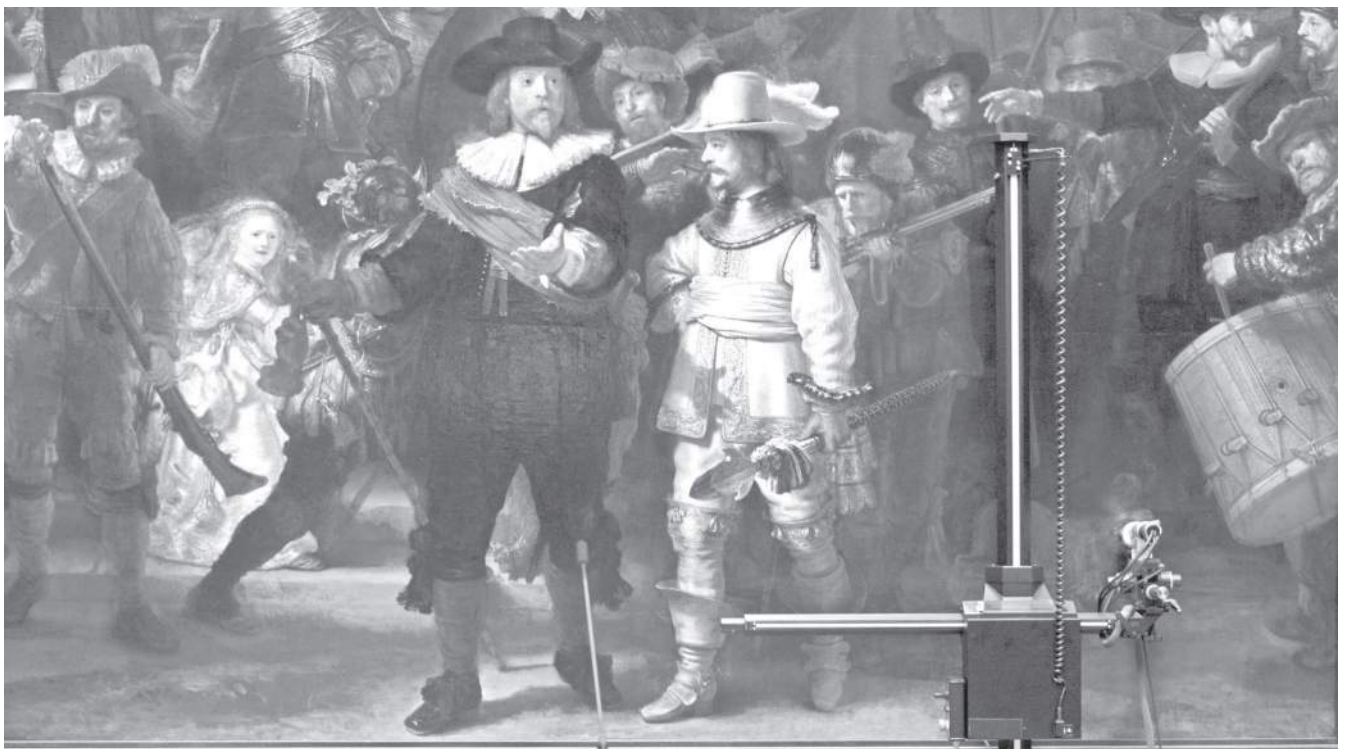
"Thank you, that's so sweet," Meghan said as she received the toy.

The pregnancy has made front-page news across Australia.

The Sydney Morning Herald ran the headline: "A smooth ride to Sydney, but royals reveal bump on the way." Darwin's irreverent NT News chose the headline: "Ginger Pregs"—a play on a long-running Australian comic strip about a mischievous red-head boy called "Ginger Meggs."

Outside the Opera House on Tuesday, Harry lingered longest with war widow Daphne Dunne, 98, whom he hugged as they chatted.

Rembrandt's Night Watch to get restoration in Amsterdam



Equipment for analyzing the painting's condition is seen next to Rembrandt's Night Watch, which will be restored next year in the public eye, in Amsterdam, Netherlands, Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2018. AP

AMSTERDAM (AP)—The Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam is going to restore its most famous painting, Rembrandt van Rijn's Night Watch, starting next year in a project that will be open to the public and viewable online.

Rijksmusem General Director Taco Dibbits said Tuesday that from July the huge Golden Age masterpiece will be encased in a specially built glass chamber as it first undergoes a thorough varnish-to-canvas examination using a precise microscope. The findings will guide the subsequent restoration.

The painting is ready for a little TLC. Dibbits says the work, which last underwent a restoration 40 years ago, is starting to show blanching in parts of the canvas.

Dibbits says "the restoration techniques we now have are so advanced that we will safeguard the painting for future generations."

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Thurber House announces 2018 finalists for humor prize

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—An Ohio-based nonprofit named for humorist James Thurber has announced the finalists for the country's top humor writing prize. Thurber House, the boyhood home of Thurber, serves as a literary center and museum in Columbus. Each year, it awards the Thurber Prize for American Humor. Comedian Trevor Noah won last year for "Born a Crime," his memoir about growing up in South Africa. This year's finalists are Jenny Allen, author of the essay collection "Would Everybody Please Stop? Reflections on Life and Other Bad Ideas"; John Hodgman, author of the collection of true stories, "Vacationland"; and Patricia Lockwood, author of "Priestdaddy," her memoir about having a married Roman Catholic priest for a father. The 2018 winner will be announced Dec. 5 in Columbus.

Massachusetts MGM casino earns $27M during 1st month open

BOSTON (AP)—MGM has reported nearly $27 million in revenue during the first full month of operation at its Massachusetts casino. The state Gaming Commission reported Monday that MGM Springfield generated $18 million in gross revenues from slot machines and another $8.8 million from table games like blackjack and roulette. That generated $6.7 million in state taxes. Massachusetts collects 25 percent of the facility's gross gambling revenues. The numbers don't reflect revenues from the 14-acre casino complex's hotel, restaurants, bars and other non-gambling entertainment. MGM Springfield President Michael Mathis says September visitor volume was "solid" and the casino's financial performance is "on track" with company expectations. Massachusetts regulators also reported Monday that Plainridge Park, a slots parlor and horse racing track in Plainville, generated roughly $14 million from gambling in September.

Rapper Yella Beezy shot on Texas highway, still hospitalized

LEWISVILLE, Texas (AP)—Management for rapper Yella Beezy says he remains hospitalized after being shot while driving on a highway in Texas.

Police told The Dallas Morning News that the rapper, whose real name is Deandre Conway, was driving early Sunday on the Sam Rayburn Tollway in Lewisville when someone in a vehicle pulled up next to him and opened fire. He was struck three times.

Police said he was discharged from the hospital Monday. However, his management told the newspaper later that he remains hospitalized.

Capt. Dan Rochelle says police have not determined a motive, and no arrests have been made.

Lewisville is a suburb in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Yella Beezy opened for Beyonce and Jay-Z when their tour stopped near Dallas in September.

Ann Curry to host TV show to solve medical mysteries

NEW YORK (AP)—Ann Curry is getting into the business of medical crowdsourcing on television.

The former "Today" show anchor has agreed to anchor a Turner series that describes people with mysterious medical ailments, in the hope of reaching doctors or patients who have seen something similar and gotten help.

Curry said Monday that she hoped real good can come from the series, tentatively titled "M.D. Live."

TNT will air 10 episodes of the series sometime next year, each of them two hours.

Chance The Rapper goes undercover to raise money for arts

CHICAGO (AP)—Chance the Rapper is so serious about raising money for arts education programs in Chicago that he took a second job as a Lyft driver to spread the word.

The Chicago Tribune reports that the Chicago-born Grammy-winning hip-hop artist who has given millions of dollars to Chicago Public Schools recently went undercover as a driver for the rideshare service to make a video that encourages riders to donate to the city's public schools arts programs.

The video shows Chance wearing shades and a maroon hat telling riders his name is John. Then he reveals his true identity and encourages riders to use the Lyft app's feature called Round Up and Donate that allows users to support his charity, The New Chance Fund, or others of their choice.

Wife irked as man reconnects with old partners on Facebook

DEAR ABBY: My husband has an extensive sexual history. He has had sex with more than 80 partners. All the encounters were when he was in high school and in his early 20s. Most were one-night stands with female friends.

When we met, he was honest, and I was understanding. He didn't keep in touch with any of those females (pre-Facebook). But now he's friends with several of them on Facebook, and while he doesn't "talk" to them, he comments and "likes" many of their posts. This makes me uncomfortable because I don't feel that past sexual partners should be part of one's life once someone is married. I'm not jealous or insecure, I just think it's disrespectful. Am I controlling?

ANXIOUS IN ARIZONA

DEAR ANXIOUS: Your husband was certainly active. Was he also able to keep his grade point up? You say he has been honest with you about his sexual history. Nowhere in your letter have you indicated that there has been any infidelity. I suspect that in spite of your denial, you may be feeling a bit insecure, and if your husband is telling you that you're coming across as controlling, that is the way he perceives it. "Liking" the Facebook posts of someone you haven't seen in decades isn't inviting the person to have an affair. If I were you, I'd calm down.

DEAR ABBY: How do I get across to my parents that I don't want them exposing my minor children to my mentally ill sister? "Evangeline" is bipolar, has borderline personality disorder and sometimes acts out in public. They know how strongly I feel about this but find ways to expose my children to her anyway. My kids don't want to be around Evangeline, but my parents continue to push her on them. I'll give you an example: They'll take the kids out to dinner and "bump into her unplanned" at a restaurant. I don't know what else I can do other than tell them I don't like it. But when I do, they refuse to listen and get upset when my kids tell me they saw her. Please advise.

LOOKING OUT FOR MY KIDS

DEAR LOOKING: Mental illness isn't contagious. As long as Evangeline is on her medication, she poses no threat to your children. Is it beyond the realm of possibility that these encounters with her ARE actually unplanned? Sometimes people— myself included—get into the habit of patronizing certain restaurants because they are nearby and serve reliably good food. It's easy to fall into a comfortable pattern.

Because you feel so strongly about these encounters, tell your parents you prefer they take your children to places your sister doesn't frequent. However, if they persist in "pushing her on," as you put it, then you may have to consider restricting your parents' visits with the grandkids to situations you can control.

DEAR ABBY

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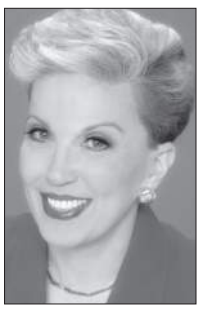

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DEAR ABBY: Can you tell me why women wear high-heeled shoes? I cannot think of any benefits women derive from wearing them. Is it because they think high heels make their legs look more attractive, because it's the fashion or some other reason?

BAFFLED AND CONFUSED

DEAR BAFFLED: Not only do high heels make the legs and ankles look more attractive, when a person wears them they appear to be a few pounds lighter because they look taller. THAT'S why! (Guilty as charged.)

Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Pastimes

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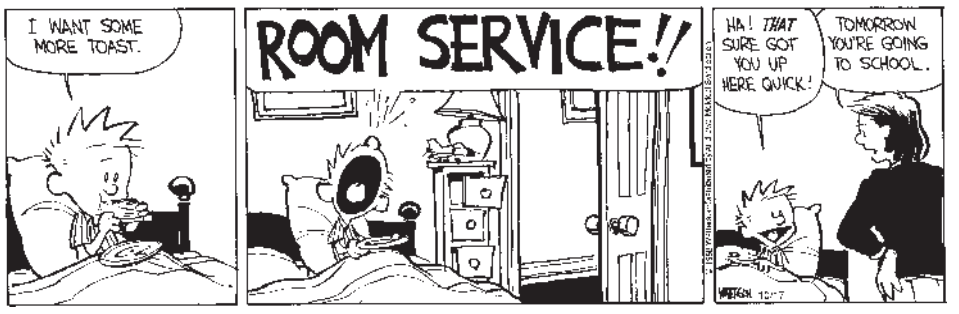

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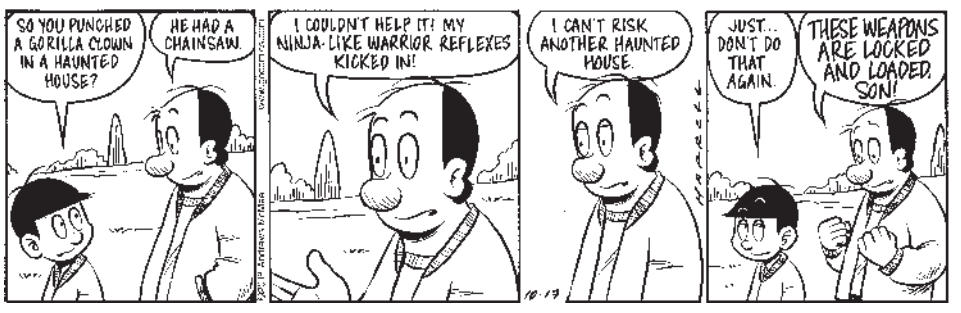
SO YOU PUNCHED A GORILLA CLOWN IN A HAUNTED HOUSE?
HE HAD A CHAINSAW.
I COULDN'T HELP IT! MY NINJA-LIKE WARRIOR REFLEXES KICKED IN!
I CAN'T RISK ANOTHER HAUNTED HOUSE.
JUST... DON'T DO THAT AGAIN.
THESE WEAPONS ARE LOCKED AND LOADED, SON!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

MY FRIENDS, THE TIME IS NOW TO SWITCH TO CERAMIC TILE IN THIS AUGUST CHAMBER.
HA! THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE A TOOL FOR "BIG TILE"! HARDWOOD IS WHAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT.
SENATE FLOOR DEBATES ON C-SPAN.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 "So there!"
4 Robbers' foes
8 Paint layer
12 Quarterback Manning
13 Met solo
14 Goya's duchess
15 — de mer
16 With "on," temporarily out of stock
18 Rice recipe
20 Listener
21 "Memory" musical
24 Memento
28 Have food delivered
32 Exhaust
33 Goat's cry
34 Sea birds
36 Petty peeve
37 Hostels
39 DVD extras
41 Snug
43 Stew veggies
44 First lady?
46 Fall sign
50 Retracts
55 Gmail alternative
56 Cambodia neighbor
57 Vitriol
58 Hit CBS series
59 Moolah
60 Winter coaster
61 Chapeau

DOWN
1 Rope fiber
2 Jai —
3 Mound
4 Taxi charge
5 Mouths (Lat.)
6 Photo, for short
7 Rice wine
8 Snowman's nose
9 Vintage
10 Rushmore face
11 Pitch
17 Granola morsel
19 High card
22 Matador's foe
23 Dawn
25 Neck problem
26 New York canal
27 Tennis barriers
28 Skip
29 Hindu royal
30 "Phooey!"
31 Head, to Henri
35 Pursued obsessively
38 "Good grief!"
40 "— was saying ..."
42 Big-screen buys
45 Recedes
47 One of the Three B's
48 Activist Parks
49 Landed
50 Patient's need, briefly
51 Bond rating
52 Decks in the ring
53 Be sick
54 Browns, on scoreboards

Solution time: 23 mins.

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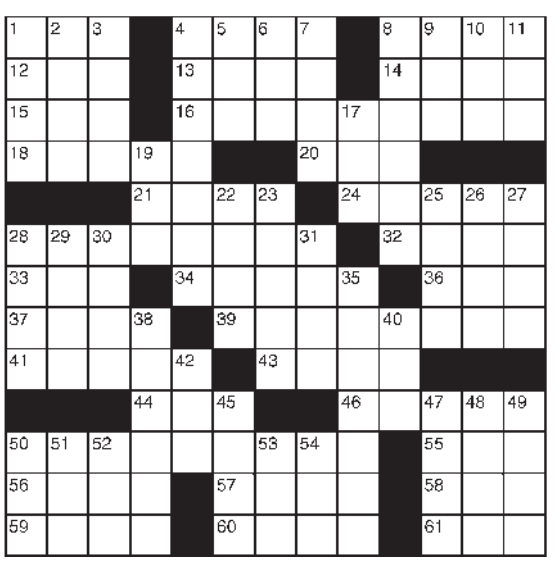

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Happy Birthday: Look for opportunities that will allow you to venture down new avenues. Get ready to purge and to let go of relationships, items and pastimes that are no longer to your benefit. Positive change will make a difference to the direction your life takes. Surround yourself with what makes you happy. Your life will slowly but surely lead to better days ahead. Your numbers are 8, 14, 20, 23, 32, 36, 41.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Focus on what you can do to improve your relationship with your peers. Don't take what others say or do personally. Understanding the situations others face will help you get past any negativity or animosity you feel. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Take whatever you are trying to pursue one step further. This will help test the possibility that exists and give you a better idea of what you may need to do in order to reach your target. A little charm will go a long way. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Put more enthusiasm and energy into whatever you do, and you'll get better results. An opportunity to form a partnership should be considered carefully. Promises made may not be honored. Make sure you get what's being offered in writing. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Share your ideas and discuss plans with someone you find just as creative as yourself. Put more into important relationships, and don't be shy about expressing the way you feel and what you want to see unfold. Romance is in the stars. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* A change can be expected if you neglect your duties at home or at work. Try to maintain consistency, honesty and patience in order to avoid being labeled or misinterpreted. Live up to your promises and host a positive attitude. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* A day trip, a change in environment or spending time with someone you don't see often will have an impact on the way you think and how you proceed. Knowledge is power, and what you discover will help you advance. ✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Put pressure on yourself to finish what you start. Take responsibility for your actions. Time-sensitive issues should not be left undone or up to someone who will use the help offered as leverage to manipulate you. Call the shots. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Think matters through before you make your move. Discipline and determination will pay off. Don't let anger slip into the forefront, messing matters up for you. Patience and hard work will be far more effective. End your day on a romantic note. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Set your sights on what you want to accomplish. Call in favors, but keep an eye on what's being done. Taking control and doing your part will bring the results you are looking for. Trust is earned, not bought. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Keep the peace and be open about the changes you want to make and why. As long as you explain your motives, you will gain approval. Keeping secrets will get you into trouble when the truth is made public. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Put more time and effort into home, family and personal finances. How you handle your money and what you do to ensure the safety and security of those you love will make a difference to the way others view you. ✪✪✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* An emotional mistake is apparent. Situations will escalate into something difficult to control if your motives are questionable. Don't get involved in something that can jeopardize your reputation. Be up-front and don't deviate from the truth. ✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are opportunistic, sensitive and creative. You are progressive and worldly.

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Last Friday's Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★

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By DAVID OUELLET

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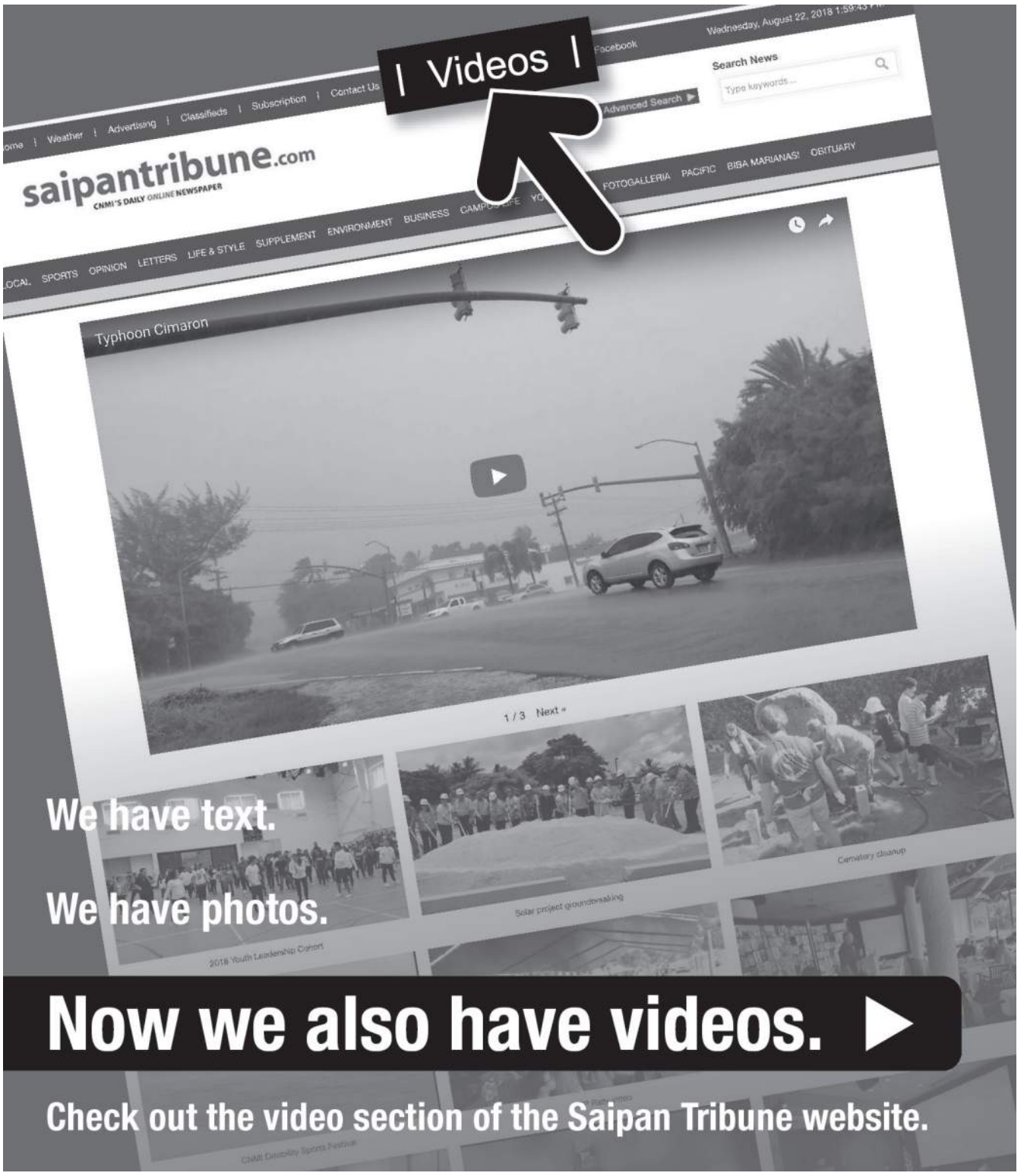

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NBA Preview: It's the Warriors, and then everyone else

OAKLAND (AP)—NBA Commissioner Adam Silver will be at Oracle Arena on Tuesday night, handing the Golden State Warriors what will be their third set of championship rings from the last four seasons.

A banner will be displayed. Highlights will be shown.

And then the Warriors will have to start all over again.

The NBA's 73rd season starts Tuesday night, beginning a year where LeBron James will play for the Los Angeles Lakers, where Carmelo Anthony will aim to push the Houston Rockets over the top, where Dwyane Wade will take his 16th and final lap around the league. A new arena is opening in Milwaukee, eight teams will have new coaches, and everyone will be looking to see if the Warriors can win a third straight title.

"None of us are ready for this run to come to an end," said Golden State's Draymond Green, part of all three Warriors' titles in this four-year run of dominance. "So we've got to continue to approach it like we've got zero. And that's cliche and impossible to do, but you want to try to get as close to that as you possibly can. And that's my mindset always entering the season."

They will be the overwhelming favorites, with good reason.

The Warriors still have Stephen Curry, Kevin Durant, Klay Thompson and Green, plus added All-Star big man DeMarcus Cousins—coming off an injury—on a bargain $5.3 million deal. And calling all the shots is coach Steve Kerr, who won five rings as a player and now three more as a coach.

"If they don't win, it's a failure," Memphis guard Mike Conley Jr. said. "I know that's how they feel as well. For us, for the other 29 teams, we're the underdog. We're trying to take what they have. It's a lot easier playing from the underdog perspective than coming in with a lot of expectation."

AP

In this Oct. 10, 2018, file photo, Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry shoots next to Los Angeles Lakers center JaVale McGee during the second half of an NBA preseason basketball game, in Las Vegas. NBA Commissioner Adam Silver will be at Oracle Arena on Tuesday night, handing the Golden State Warriors what will be their third set of championship rings from the last four seasons.

In this NBA, everybody else is an underdog.

That even applies to Houston — which won 65 games last season, has the reigning MVP in James Harden, an elite point guard in Chris Paul who re-signed for $160 million this summer, a deep-pocketed owner in Tilman Fertitta and an always-tinkering GM in Daryl Morey. The Rockets had the Warriors against the ropes in last season's Western Conference finals, leading that series 3-2 yet falling after Paul was lost to a hamstring injury.

"We've all got one goal, man," Harden said. "You'll keep hearing the same story over and over until I'm not here no more. We've got to win a 'chip. We've all got the same goal. We kind of, a little bit, we kind of know what it takes to almost get there. But we haven't gotten there yet."

The Warriors are the best team and the Rockets had the best record, but the best player is now in L.A.

After 15 seasons in the Eastern Conference, James—who has played in each of the last eight NBA Finals—has moved West. He signed a four-year deal in July with the Lakers, one that makes him the biggest star on the league's glitziest franchise. He's teamed up with talented young players like Kyle Kuzma, Lonzo Ball and Brandon Ingram, and former rivals like Rajon Rondo and Lance Stephenson.

"I'm a basketball player," James said. "I play ball. That's what I do and that's what I live by. And when I do it at the level I do it at, everything else takes care of itself."

The only certainty in the NBA this season is that James won't win the East—ending an eight-year run of that, four in Miami and four in Cleveland.

Boston, Philadelphia and Toronto (with the newly acquired Kawhi Leonard) are the top candidates to take over as East champions. The Celtics had a Game 7, at home, to get to the NBA Finals last season and lost to James and Cleveland, but now get Gordon Hayward back and a healthy Kyrie Irving again. Miami has been trying to get Jimmy Butler from Minnesota, and if they do — someone will get Butler before the trade deadline—the Heat may be able to get back into East contention.

It might be Dirk Nowitzki's last season in Dallas. Gregg Popovich no longer has Tony Parker or Manu Ginobili with him in San Antonio, and the Spurs (who have been battered by injuries, including one to point guard Dejounte Murray) are no lock to extend their 21-year run of playoff appearances. Sneakerheads will have a big season, because the NBA now says players may wear whatever colors of kicks that they want.

There's plenty of stories.

But in the end, it'll be all about someone finding a way to beat Golden State—or not.

"I'll get back to you when somebody cracks that code," Wade said. "In this game, the most important thing is health. If they stay healthy, it's tough to beat them. There's teams that can, but you've got to do it, and you're going to have to do it four times."

Rapinoe sees disparity as World Cup approaches

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — With the Women's World Cup less than eight months away, U.S. national team midfielder Megan Rapinoe is dismayed by what she sees as ongoing issues of inequality in soccer.

From uncertainty about the use of video review and the amount of prize money, to scheduling other tournament finals on the same day as the championship game, equity issues are getting more attention as the World Cup looms.

From Rapinoe's standpoint, that's symptomatic of the short shrift paid to the women's game by FIFA, soccer's governing body.

"And that's not to say they (FIFA) don't do anything. They obviously do things for the women's game. But in the way that they truly care about the men's game, they don't truly care about the women's game," she said.

The United States qualified for the World Cup on Sunday night with a victory over Jamaica in the semifinals of the CONCACAF women's championship tournament. The top three finishers earn spots in the World Cup, so the U.S. and Canada secured berths with semifinal victories. The two teams will play each other in the championship match Wednesday night.

Rapinoe has always been one of the most vocal players on the team. She was among a chorus of voices that criticized FIFA in the run-up to the 2015 World Cup in Canada because the tournament was played on artificial turf, which was considered a slight to the women.

So it's understandable the 33-year-old national team vet would call out FIFA for more recent issues.

FIFA has been criticized for scheduling the Women's World Cup final on the same day as the men's Copa America final and the CONCACAF Gold Cup final.

There have been calls for FIFA to use VAR, or Video Assistant Referees, at the tournament in France. VAR was used at the men's World Cup for the first time in Russia.

Prize money has been an issue since 2015, when the U.S. women's team received $2 million for winning the World Cup, out of a pool of $15 million. By comparison, the prize pool for the men's World Cup in Russia was $400 million.

FIFA's Chief Women's Football Officer Sarai Bareman responded to some of the criticism last week when the organization released its first-ever global strategy for women's soccer. The wide-ranging policy seeks to grow the women's game overall —and one aim is to get more women involved in the decision-making processes at all levels.

"We have to keep pushing," Bareman said. "Because it's proven that having more women in these decision-making bodies creates a more diverse decision-making process, and also a more robust and I would say—how do I put this diplomatically —a more honest and integral process as well."

The strategy shows that FIFA is committed to the women's game, she said.

As for VAR, a decision has not been announced. FIFA did not announce its intention to use VAR for the men's World Cup until just a few months before the tournament.

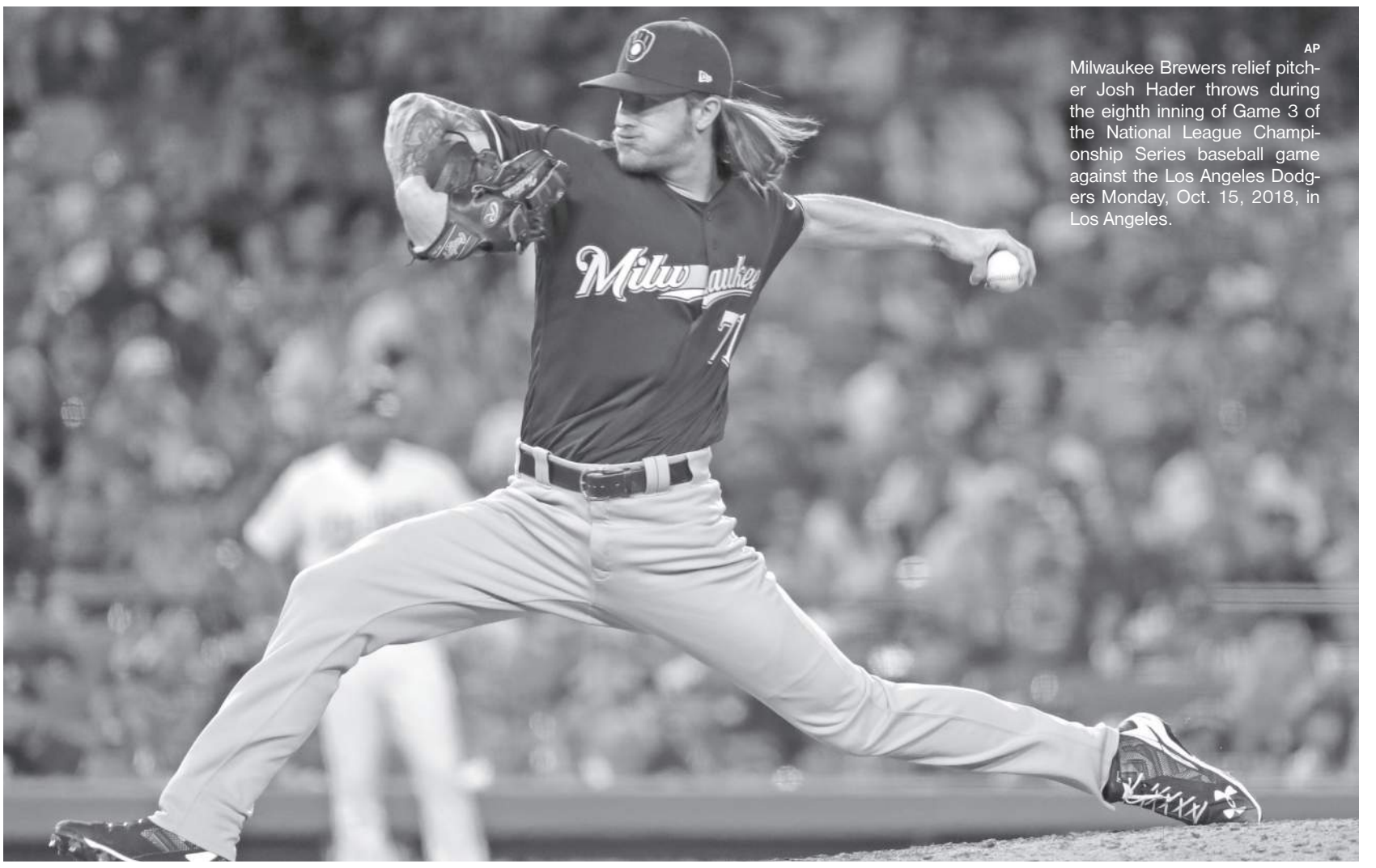
Bareman also confirmed that World Cup prize money would be increased but did not reveal a figure. An announcement is expected later this month at the FIFA Council meeting in Rwanda. She said the prize structure would include "new elements that haven't existed before in the women's game" including money to help qualified teams prepare.

Sports Illustrated reported last week that the prize pool would be doubled, to $30 million. Rapinoe wanted to know what metric was used in determining the amount —especially in light of the disparity with the men's.

"I mean, I think that they're probably looking for pats on the back for the increase. They're not getting any from here. I mean, until they're really going to take meaningful steps to truly show that they're caring about the women's game in a sort of deeper way, I don't know. $15 million is nothing to them. ... If they wanted to just sort of arbitrarily do it, they could increase it by $100 million," she said.

Rapinoe is not alone. Alex Morgan and Becky Sauerbrunn have also publicly addressed some of the controversies. Coach Jill Ellis first called for VAR at the Women's World Cup when she visited Russia for the men's tournament, and during qualifying she has questioned the scheduling decisions.

Brewers' bullpen blank Dodgers for 2-1 NLCS lead



AP
Milwaukee Brewers relief pitcher Josh Hader throws during the eighth inning of Game 3 of the National League Championship Series baseball game against the Los Angeles Dodgers Monday, Oct. 15, 2018, in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES (AP)— The Milwaukee Brewers know they can count on their intimidating bullpen to get outs. They may not have been expecting a twice-demoted shortstop to generate so much offense.

Jhoulys Chacin combined with four relievers on a five-hitter and Orlando Arcia hit a two-run homer in a 4-0 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Monday that gave Milwaukee a 2-1 lead in the NL Championship Series.

Los Angeles loaded the bases against Jeremy Jeffress in the ninth inning, but the struggling closer shut the door. He struck out Yasmani Grandal and pinch-hitter Brian Dozier to complete Milwaukee's third shutout in six playoff games this year.

"We feel like we're in really good shape," manager Craig Counsell said.

Game 4 in the best-of-seven series is Tuesday night at Dodger Stadium, with Rich Hill starting for Los Angeles against fellow lefty Gio Gonzalez.

Ryan Braun had an early RBI double off rookie Walker Buehler, who struck out eight in seven innings. Travis Shaw tripled and scored on a wild pitch in the sixth.

Arcia connected for his third postseason homer in the seventh, his second in two games.

"It's a different guy every single day and we've got contributions up and down the roster," Shaw said. "It's been the story of our season."

Chacin scattered three hits over 5 1/3 innings before giving way to Corey Knebel, who worked 1 2/3 perfect innings and struck out his last four batters.

With a runner on second and the Brewers nursing a 2-0 lead, Knebel got Manny Machado to ground out before whiffing Cody Bellinger to end the sixth. The right-hander then fanned Yasiel Puig, Grandal and Enrique Hernandez in the seventh.

Joakim Soria retired Chris Taylor on a foul popup for the first out of the eighth. Josh Hader, who didn't pitch in Game 2 after tossing three scoreless innings in the opener, needed only eight pitches to strike out pinch-hitters David Freese and Matt Kemp to end the eighth.

"It was good that we only used Hader for two outs," Shaw said. "I know we've got three in a row, so he'll be good to go tomorrow and that's a big thing for us."

Hader rarely pitches on consecutive days, but his light workload Monday could give Counsell some options.

"We're playing to win the series, not just games. Obviously with Josh doing not as much tonight, there's lots of possibilities there going forward," he said.

Justin Turner singled and Machado doubled to start the ninth for Los Angeles. Bellinger popped out and slammed his bat before Puig drew a walk, but Counsell stayed with Jeffress, who settled down and came through.

Milwaukee's vaunted bullpen delivered after the Dodgers hit .333 and scored eight of their nine runs against Brewers relievers during the first two games in Milwaukee, both decided by one run.

The Dodgers also came up empty against Chacin with the bases loaded in the second, when Buehler took a called third strike to end the inning.

"We had the right guys in those moments and we just didn't execute," manager Dave Roberts said. "We were 0 for 10 with runners in scoring position."

The Brewers became the first visiting team to pitch a postseason shutout at Dodger Stadium since the Philadelphia Phillies in Game 1 of the 1983 NLCS. Los Angeles had gone 50 consecutive home playoff games without being blanked, the second-longest streak in major league history behind 61 straight for the Boston Red Sox, according to STATS.

The 1905 New York Giants and 1966 Baltimore Orioles were the only other teams to toss three shutouts in their first six games of a postseason, STATS said.

The Brewers entered these playoffs with one shutout in their postseason history.

"Our guys that we're giving the ball to at the start of the game, they're doing a heck of a job, man," Counsell said. "They're setting the tone, really."

Chacin returned to the scene of the Brewers' worst loss of the season, a 21-5 rout on Aug. 2. In that game, he was charged with nine runs—eight earned—and five hits, including a grand slam by Bellinger.

Chacin was much better when it counted most. The right-hander struck out six and walked two while outpitching Buehler.

"I've been ready for this for almost 10 years," Chacin said. "Hopefully I get a chance to be in the World Series."

Milwaukee got to Buehler in the first on Braun's double into the left-field corner that scored Christian Yelich, who walked.

The Brewers struck again in the sixth. Bellinger was slow to chase Shaw's triple off the top of the center-field wall and missed making the catch by inches before the ball caromed away.

Shaw scored on Buehler's wild pitch to Jesus Aguilar. The ball bounced off Grandal, who scrambled after it near the third-base line while Shaw ran to the plate, making it 2-0.

Grandal's woes, quiet bats doom Dodgers

When the Dodger Stadium crowd wasn't booing Yasmani Grandal or chanting his backup's name, the fans largely sat in a disappointed hush while the Milwaukee Brewers' pitching staff mowed down their team.

The Dodgers' miserable Monday night only got more intriguing after the Brewers' 4-0 victory in Game 3 of the NL Championship Series, when Enrique Hernandez wondered aloud why his team and its fans didn't come to play.

"We had no energy," the Los Angeles second baseman said. "The stadium had no energy. The fans had no energy. Overall, it was a pretty bad game for everybody who calls themselves Dodgers."

The Dodgers fell behind after three batters and never caught up during their first home game of the NLCS. Los Angeles went 0 for 10 with runners in scoring position, struck out 14 times and managed just five hits.

This comprehensively frustrating evening required an outlet, and Grandal is wearing a target during his miserable postseason. Dodger Stadium, normally a cauldron of excitement in October, had little to cheer and plenty to lament.

After Grandal committed his third passed ball of the series in the eighth inning, a portion of the crowd chanted "We want Austin!" in a call for the catcher's unsung backup, Austin Barnes. And when Grandal struck out with the bases loaded in the ninth inning, Chavez Ravine was filled with boos.

"I don't really hear the noise outside," Grandal said. "I value my opinion way over anyone else, so that's what keeps me sane."

The other Dodgers definitely heard the booing, and Hernandez was unhappy with every aspect of the atmosphere at Dodger Stadium for an enormous playoff game.

While the second baseman didn't deny the Dodgers' role in their poor performance, Hernandez also cited the home fans for not doing their part.

"Since the first inning when (Ryan) Braun hit that (RBI) double, the stadium kind of went quiet for the rest of the evening, and it (stinks) that they got loud just to show (up) Yasmani," he said.

Sale out of hospital, will rejoin Red Sox in Game 3

HOUSTON (AP) — Boston Red Sox ace Chris Sale will be back with his teammates for Game 3 of the AL Championship Series after an overnight stay in a hospital because of a stomach illness.

Boston said it planned to wait until he rejoins the team in Houston on Tuesday before deciding when the lanky lefty will get back on the mound.

"Everything's fine," manager Alex Cora said before the Red Sox held a brief workout on Monday night. "So we'll see how he feels physically, and then after that we'll decide what we're going to do."

Sale was released Monday from Massachusetts General Hospital, where he had gone because of a stomach illness after he pitched in the series opener at Fenway Park. He was hospitalized Sunday night for observation and did not travel with the team to Houston.

Cora said Sale will be in Houston before Game 3 of the best-of-seven series.

"It's great. I think we're all more concerned for his personal well-being and not necessarily the team," right fielder Mookie Betts said. "So to know that he's OK is definitely huge."

The 29-year-old Sale struggled with his control in Boston's 7-2 home loss to the Astros on Saturday night. The left-hander allowed two runs, four walks and hit a batter in four innings.

Cora said Sale started feeling ill and was throwing up right after the game. Sale went to a hospital early Sunday morning.

The illness was announced by the team during Game 2 on Sunday night, which the Red Sox won to even the series.

"When I got to the ballpark, they told me he was there. Nothing serious. He was going to go through a battery of tests and see what was going on," Cora said. "He'll be here tomorrow and, hopefully, physically he's ready to go, and we'll decide when he pitches."

Nathan Eovaldi, the Red Sox starter for Game 3, said team members were surprised when they heard about Sale being in a hospital.

"I've heard nothing but good things about him now," Eovaldi said.

PIC foils Armatech's comeback bid

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Pacific Islands Club Saipan overcame a sluggish start and hung tough in the end to defeat Armatech, 78-75, in the only game played in the IT&E Emon Masonic Lodge No. 179 Mixed Masters Brotherhood Basketball League last Monday at Koblerville Gymnasium.

PIC's gunners struggled to find the bottom of the net in the first quarter, as only four of its players scored in that period. On the other hand, June Alipio Jr. and Ed Cosino each tallied 6 points in the first canto to hand Armatech a 22-12 lead.

With his team down by 10 points to open the second quarter, Paulo Rafols upped the ante and went on a scoring spree, making 11 out of PIC's 16 markers in that frame. Armatech was clearly caught off guard by Rafols' outburst, but hung on to the driver's seat at the break, 33-28.

However, Armetch eventually lost the upper hand, as James Abuy and Raymond Tolentino caught fire for PIC in the third period after being ice cold in the first half. Abuy set the tempo for the rest of his team after hitting 13 points in the third quarter, including three 3-pointers. Tolentino was right in step with Abuy from deep, drilling two 3 pointers of his own after being held scoreless in the first 20 minutes of play

While PIC's snipers were finding their mark in the third period, Armatech's gunners continued to struggle offensively, as they scored just 12 points. With PIC on target, it turned the table on Armatech and took a 10-point advantage, 57-47, entering the final canto.

After a subpar showing in the second and third quarters, Armatech roared back with a 28-point fourth quarter explosion. Armatech played selfless basketball and zipped the ball to open teammates, as eight players were able to contribute to the late surge. However, PIC Saipan withstood Armatech' rally with Rafols converting four free throws in the homestretch to go with his earlier 5 markers in the fourth canto and Abuy and Butch Sublemented combining for 10 points.

"The key to maintaining our lead was to not give up. As long as the time is moving, we keep on moving. The game is over when the final buzzer sounds," PIC coach Ronald Quindoza said. "We have to focus and watch each other's back. That's what we call teamwork."

Rafols spearheaded PIC's victory with his 29 points. Abuy and Sublemente also finished in twin digits with 19 and 12, respectively.

Armatech's good ball movement resulted in four players scoring in double digits. Alipio led Armatech with his 14 markers, Cosino added 12, and Lauron and Montano made 10 points apiece.

With the win, PIC now boasts a league best 5-1 record, while Armatech dipped below .500 with a 2-3 slate.

Meanwhile, the second game featuring Imperial Pacific International versus PEGS never got to the opening tip, as the former lacked players for the nightcap. With the loss, IPI remains winless in five games, while PEGS is on the upswing with its 3-1 card.

PIC 78 — Rafols 29, Abuy 19, Sublemente 11, Norita 7, Tolentino 6, Mojar 2, Hernandez 2, Ra basto 2.

Armatech 75 — Alipio 14, Cosino 12, Lauron 10, Montano 10, Martin 8, Tolosa 7, Gaviola 5, Malasarte 5, Asuhan 2, Zapanta 2.

Scoring by quarters: 12-21, 28-33, 57-47, 78-75.

Crosby hits FG as time expires, Packers beat 49ers

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — A pick, a beneficial penalty and a game-winning kick.

Quite a final minute for the Green Bay Packers.

Mason Crosby kicked a 27-yard field goal as time expired to cap an 81-yard drive set up by Kevin King's interception with 1:07 left, and the Packers outlasted the San Francisco 49ers for a 33-30 win on Monday night.

The final drive was extended after 49ers cornerback Richard Sherman was flagged for illegal contact on third-and-15 that wiped out a sack of Aaron Rodgers with 43 seconds left.

Rodgers rushed up the middle for a 21-yard gain on the next play. The two-time NFL MVP completed two more passes for 19 yards to set up Crosby's game-winner for Green Bay (3-2-1).

The veteran kicker was perfect a week after missing four field goals in a loss at Detroit.

"It's very appropriate, what he went through last week, (for) the team to stick with him," Rodgers said. "And then he responded."

Rodgers threw for 425 yards and two scores, both to Adams. The second came with 1:55 left from 16 yards to tie the score at 30.

C.J. Beathard passed for 245 yards and two long touchdowns to speedy receiver Marquise Goodwin for the 49ers (1-5).

FAMILIAR

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Kelly McCallion was the third SIS student to hand the Geckos a first place honors after lording it over in the boys U9 division. He also did the one-loop, 2.1K course and submitted 8:51 to get a gold medal and lead the finishers' list in his age group that had 14 runners. Saipan Community School's Daniel Mavs and SIS' Logan Benson got the silver and bronze, respectively, after timing in at 10:22 and 11:03.

Meanwhile, Allie Brasuel, Barbara Wang, Paul Lizama, Kaithlyn Chavez, Jenny Lin, Caleb Dai, Arthur Liang, and Elizabeth Xu, who figured in the Top 3 in the preliminary races, also stood out in the finale. Tinian High School's Tyler Santos, on the other hand, won his first and last appearance in the cross country race on Saipan.

Santos checked in at 25:51 for the fastest time in the entire U18 division and a gold medal in the boys U18 division. His victory prevented Agape from sweeping this year's races, as Jonathan Xiong and Kobe Yang settled for the silver and bronze after clocking in at 26:09 and 27:09, respectively. Seventeen other Agape runners, one each from Marianas High School and SIS, and two more from Tinian joined the boys U18 division race.

In the boys U15 division race, which had a distance of 4.2K, Liang led Agape's 1-2-3 finish after recording 18:19. Easton Tang (19:03) and Jason Cao (19:33) joined him in the Top 3. In the girls field, Agape also had a sweep with Xu (23:20) beating Vivian Wu (24:49) and Zoe Tang (25:48).

Agape had another Top 3 finish in the boys U13 with Dai timing in at 20:23 and Peter Hu and Abraham Zhu posting 21:24 and 21:49, respectively. In the girls division, Lin's 25:43 gave her the victory over Dandan Middle School's Gracie Mendiola (29:44), fellow Agape student Emily Huang (30:04) and seven other runners.

In the U11 age group, Lizama of William S. Reyes Elementary School registered 8:51 to clinch first place in the boys race, while Koblerville Elementary School's Christian Lucero (8:52) was ranked second, and Mt. Carmel's Kern Han Cao (10:49) finished third. In the girls division, Chavez won the gold medal for Mt. Carmel as she recorded 9:15 and defeated Brilliant Star School's Fiona Regan (9:57) and Savita Sikkel (10:12).

In the girls U9 division, runners from three different schools made it to the podium. Wang of Agape took the gold after clocking in at 12:00, while SIS' Phonex Gross (13:39) and WSR's Erica Narruhn (13:49) earned the silver and bronze medals, respectively.

Besides the Top 3 finishers in each age group, NMA will also recognized the top performing schools per division. However, results have yet to be finalized.

AGAPE 1

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finished the regular season with an 11-3 record for second place in the standings. Grace Christian Academy 1 was ranked first and will be seeded first in the playoff round, which will begin today at the Ada Gym. GCA 2 (8-6), Mt. Carmel School (7-7), Saipan International School (7-7), Saipan Community School (5-9), Agape 2 (2-12), and Seventh Day Adventists completed the standings. Mt. Carmel won the tiebreak for fourth place against SIS, 74-73 (points scored in head-to-head), while SDA also prevailed in the standoff versus Agape 2, 100-41.

Today's playoff round will have four games with GCA 1 taking on Agape 2; Agape 1 battling SDA; MCS colliding with SIS; and GCA 3 facing SCS.

The Torchbearers and Eagles face-off was a make-up game and was tightly contested throughout all three sets, as the opposing teams exchanged leads.

ACS 1 built a 23-12 advantage in the first set behind the firepower of David Zheng.

Zheng was unstoppable in the first set, as he spotted a glitch in the Eagles' defense and capitalized by dropping several unexpected tips out of the reach of GCA's frontline defense. Following Zheng's precisely placed tips, Bobby Bao took over and hit seven consecutive overhand serves, leaving the Eagles' defense scrambling in an effort to halt the Torchbearers' onslaught.

Facing a double-digit deficit, the Eagles managed to find their footing behind starting setter, T.J. Saures. Saures caught fire and carried his squad to a come-from-behind victory with 13 consecutive overhand serves.

After the tough opener, the second set of the ACS 1 and GCA 2 drew the spectators' attention and riveted them from start to finish. The Torchbearers' trio of Zheng, Bobby Bao, and Eric Chen smothered the Eagles with a gamut of offensive plays. Zheng and Bao's synergy was in full display, as they set each other up for plays that drew cheers from the crowd.

GCA 2's Vicky Wang and Alayna Howard hustled on defense, while their teammates Anthony Camacho and Kimy Clyde Kim delivered on multiple serves, but their efforts in the second set still fell short.

With the second set deadlocked at 25-25, GCA 2's players committed two violations, with one player stepping on the line during a serve and the other unintentionally making illegal contact with the net. The Torchbearers capitalized on these mistakes to claim the second set and send the match to a deciding third.

After its morale-boosting second set win, Agape 1 kept its foot on the pedal in the last to zoom past the Eagles. Chen and Bao singed the Eagles with powerful spikes and serves, giving Agape 1 the No. 2 seed and capping their regular season run on a high note.

Meanwhile, in other make-up games, GCA 1 swept Mt. Carmel, 25-17, 25-15, Agape 2 upset, 25-12, 17-25, 15-13, and SIS won against SDA (via default).

EWIEWI

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Ewi Ewi, which was made up of Anthony Laraja, Darryl Soriano, Drew Bayot, and Oldie Roligat, managed to rule the kick-off of the Pacific Games qualifiers despite dropping its first two games. Tinian defeated EwiEwi in last Friday's round-robin game, 10-9, and the latter also lost a close match versus Boys Housing last Saturday morning 11-9.

For its third assignment, EwiEwi this time was on the winning end of a down-to-the-wire game against Rollers, 18-17. EwiEwi then made it two in a row following a 15-11 triumph over Boonkgang. EwiEwi went on to move into the finals after another thrilling win over Wong in the semifinals, 13-12, before completing the upset and avenging its preliminary round loss to the Tinian Typhoons.

Before being stunned by EwiEwi, the Tinian Typhoons entered the finals with a 5-0 record. Tyler Santos, Eron Borja, Jared King, and Sirlashu Dela Cruz played for Tinian and they defeated Rollers, Boonkgang, and Wong in the preliminaries. Then in the semis, the visiting squad was paired with Boys Housing and notched an 11-7 win to set up a finals duel with EwiEwi.

In the women's open division, Boo'd Up had a perfect record in the five-team competition.

Eleina Santos, Kamakshi Visvanathan, Lia Rangamar, and Tazha Deleon Guerrero played for the champion squad, which downed Geeks & Sneaks, Big Ballers, Smashers, and CTSI in the round-robin games before dominating the latter in the finals.

Meanwhile, 4 of a Kine completed the winners' list in the Pacific Games Qualifiers Series 1 organized by the Marianas Islands Basketball Federation.

The quartet of veterans Peter Camacho, Elias Rangamar, and Lawrence Renguul and gunner Preston Basa handed 4 of a Kine a 21-17 finals victory against Purpla Haze. 4 of a Kine finished the tournament with a 3-1 record, beating Get Lost first last Friday, 18-9, before bowing to Purple Haze's Mii Tekopua, Freddie Pelisamen, James Kintz, and Leroy Rangamar last Saturday, 17-19. 4 of a Kine battled back and prevailed over Mixed Breed in the semis to get a second crack at Purple Haze.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	4	2	0	.667	176	148
Miami	4	2	0	.667	130	145
N.Y. Jets	3	3	0	.500	165	139
Buffalo	2	4	0	.333	76	138
South						
Tennessee	3	3	0	.500	87	107
Houston	3	3	0	.500	135	137
Jacksonville	3	3	0	.500	109	126
Indianapolis	1	5	0	.167	152	180
North						
Cincinnati	4	2	0	.667	174	158
Baltimore	4	2	0	.667	153	77
Pittsburgh	3	2	1	.583	171	154
Cleveland	2	3	1	.417	128	151
West						
Kansas City	5	1	0	.833	215	172
L.A. Chargers	4	2	0	.667	175	144
Denver	2	4	0	.333	120	154
Oakland	1	5	0	.167	110	176

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	3	2	0	.600	106	104
Dallas	3	3	0	.500	123	103
Philadelphia	3	3	0	.500	137	117
N.Y. Giants	1	5	0	.167	117	162
South						
New Orleans	4	1	0	.800	180	140
Carolina	3	2	0	.600	121	114
Tampa Bay	2	3	0	.400	141	173
Atlanta	2	4	0	.333	167	192
North						
Chicago	3	2	0	.600	139	96
Minnesota	3	2	1	.583	140	148
Green Bay	2	2	1	.500	115	114
Detroit	2	3	0	.400	125	137
West						
L.A. Rams	6	0	0	1.000	196	118
Seattle	3	3	0	.500	143	117
San Francisco	1	4	0	.200	118	146
Arizona	1	5	0	.167	82	139

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2018 NMA/PSS All Schools Cross Country Championships

LINDSAY NASH

A Saipan International School student glances at her supporters as she heads to the finish line during last Saturday's 2018 Northern Marianas Athletics/Public School System All Schools Cross Country Championships held at the Saipan Country Club in Chalan Kiya.

LINDSAY NASH

Two runners are in a neck-and-neck race to the finish line.

Two male runners sprint to the finish line. LINDSAY NASH

Elementary school runners listen during the race briefing. LINDSAY NASH

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Saipan International School students huddle before the start of the race.

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Mt. Carmel School's Kaithlynn Chavez shows her first place medal in the girls U11 division.

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Brilliant Star School's Savita Sikkel is on her way to a third place finish in the girls U11 race.

Elementary school runners head to the finish line. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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Elementary school students head out to the course during the 2018 Northern Marianas Athletics/Public School System All Schools Cross Country Championships held last Saturday at the Saipan County Club in Chalan Kiya.

Familiar winners in cross country finale

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The favorites delivered in the 2018 Northern Marianas Athletics/Public School System All Schools Cross Country Championships held last Saturday at the Saipan County Club in Chalan Kiya.

Saipan International School's Finn Altizer, Kelly McCallion, and Tania Tan, who ruled their respective divisions in the preliminary races, capped their outstanding showing in this year's cross country season after prevailing in last weekend's finale.

Tan finished the 3-loop and nearly 6.5-kilomer course in 30:19 to beat eight other runners in the girls U18 division.

She was nearly a minute ahead of Marianas High School's Jerlyn Castillo (31:10), while Tan's schoolmate Anika Snyder completed the Top 3 in the age group after logging 31:34.

In the boys U7 age group, which had a distance of 2.1K, Altizer timed in at 11:03 to top the 16-student field. Altizer's fellow SIS student Oliver McCallion came in at second with his 11:52, while Agape Christian School's Daniel Hwang posted 12:42 to make it to the podium.

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EwiEwi, Boo'd Up triumph

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EwiEwi and Boo'd Up earned contrasting wins in the finals to top the Pacific Games 3x3 Qualifiers Series 1 held over the weekend at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Boo'd Up eased its way to a finals victory in the women's open division after routing CTSI, 19-6, while Ewi Ewi nosed out the Tinian Typhoons in the boys U16, 13-11.

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A U16 player fakes off his defender during their 3x3 game in the Pacific Games 3x3 Qualifiers Series 1 held over the weekend at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Agape 1 wins thriller; playoffs start today

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An Agape Christian School player serves during their first round meeting with Grace Christian Academy 2 in the 2018-2019 Commonwealth Coalition of Private Schools Association Volleyball League at the Agape court in Middle Road.

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Agape Christian School 1 edged Grace Christian Academy 2 in three thrilling sets, 23-25, 29-27, 15-8, during their game in the middle school division of the 2018-2019 Commonwealth Coalition of Private Schools Association Volleyball League yesterday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

With the victory, Agape 1

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